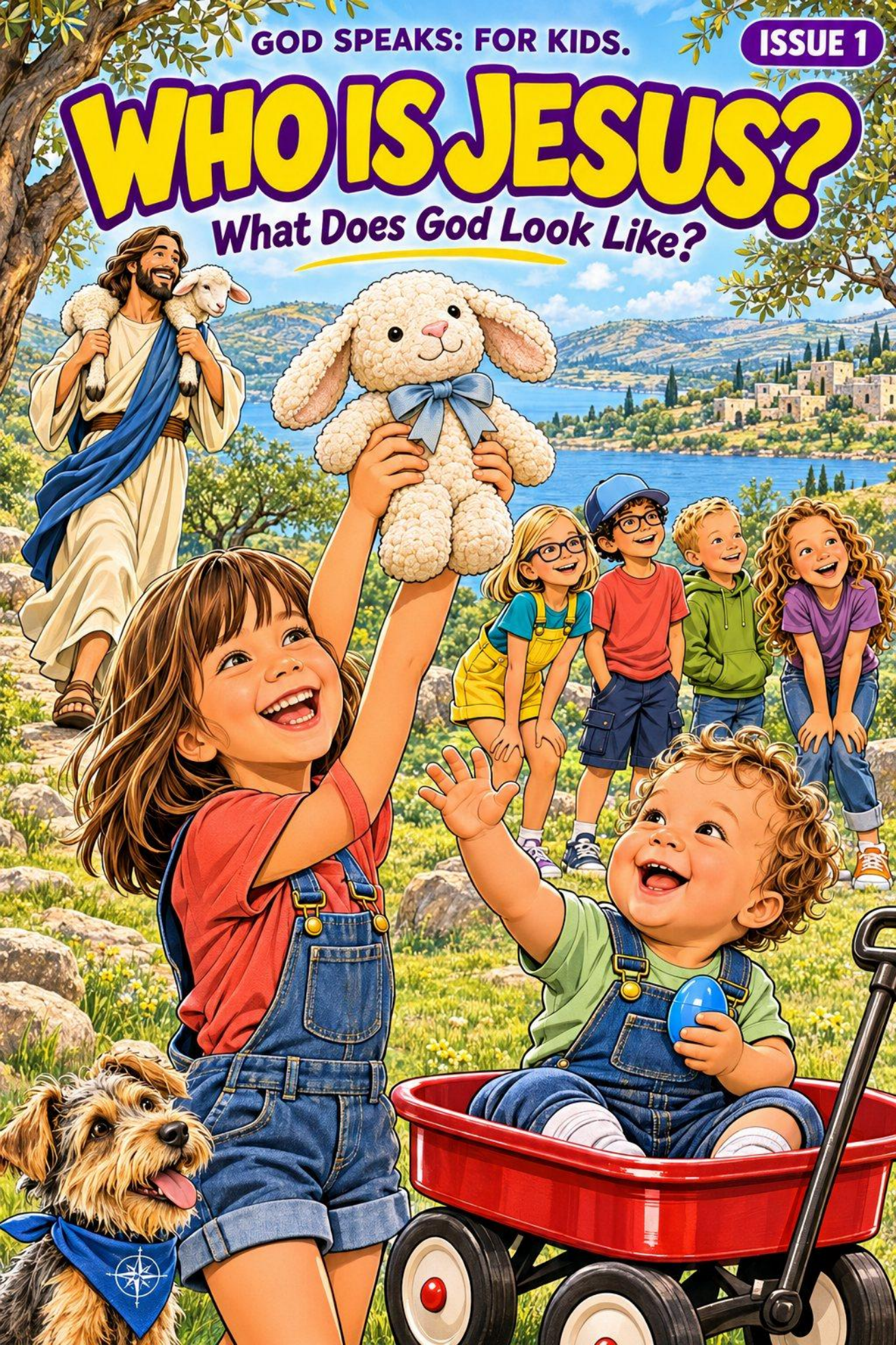
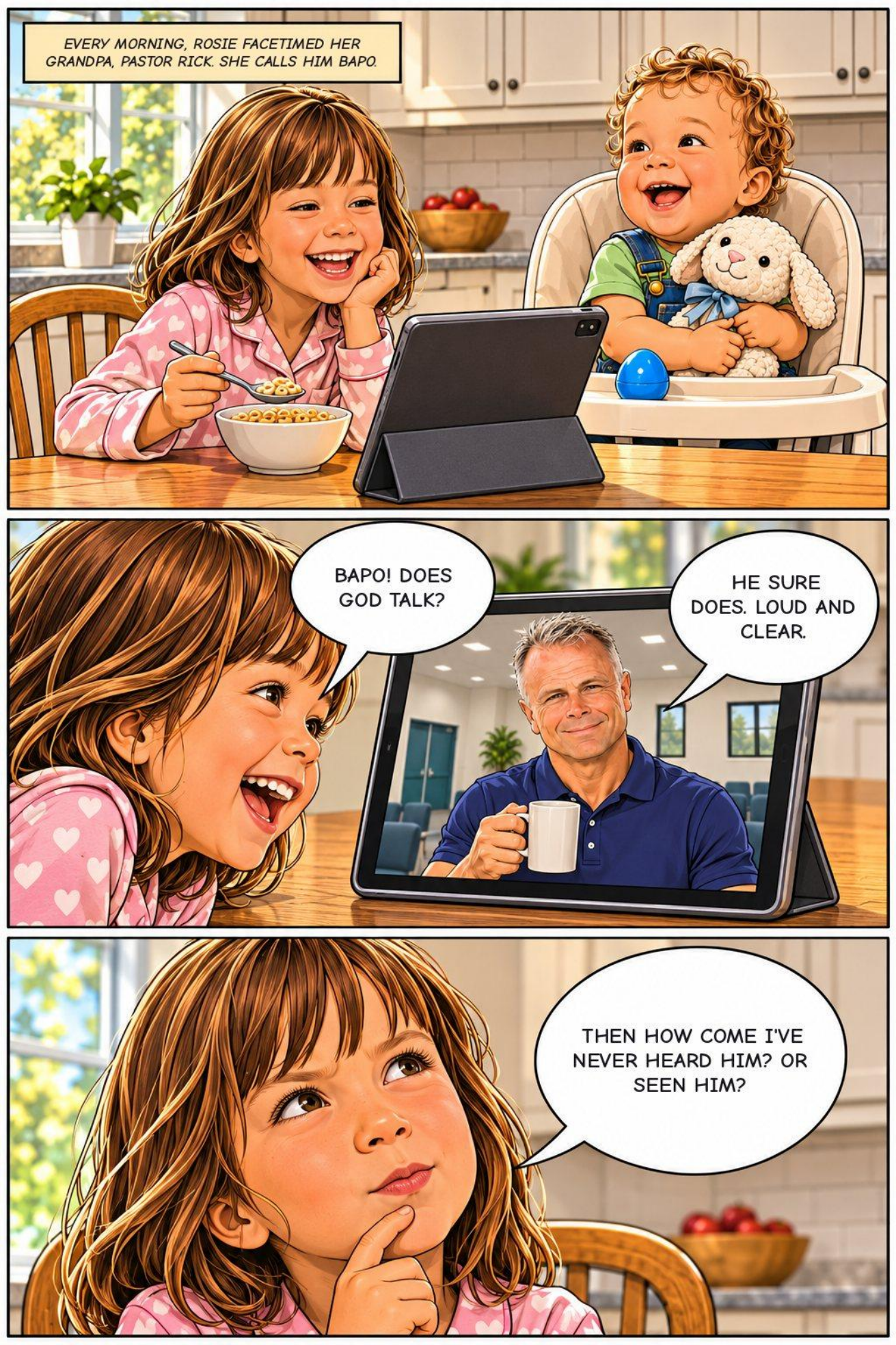
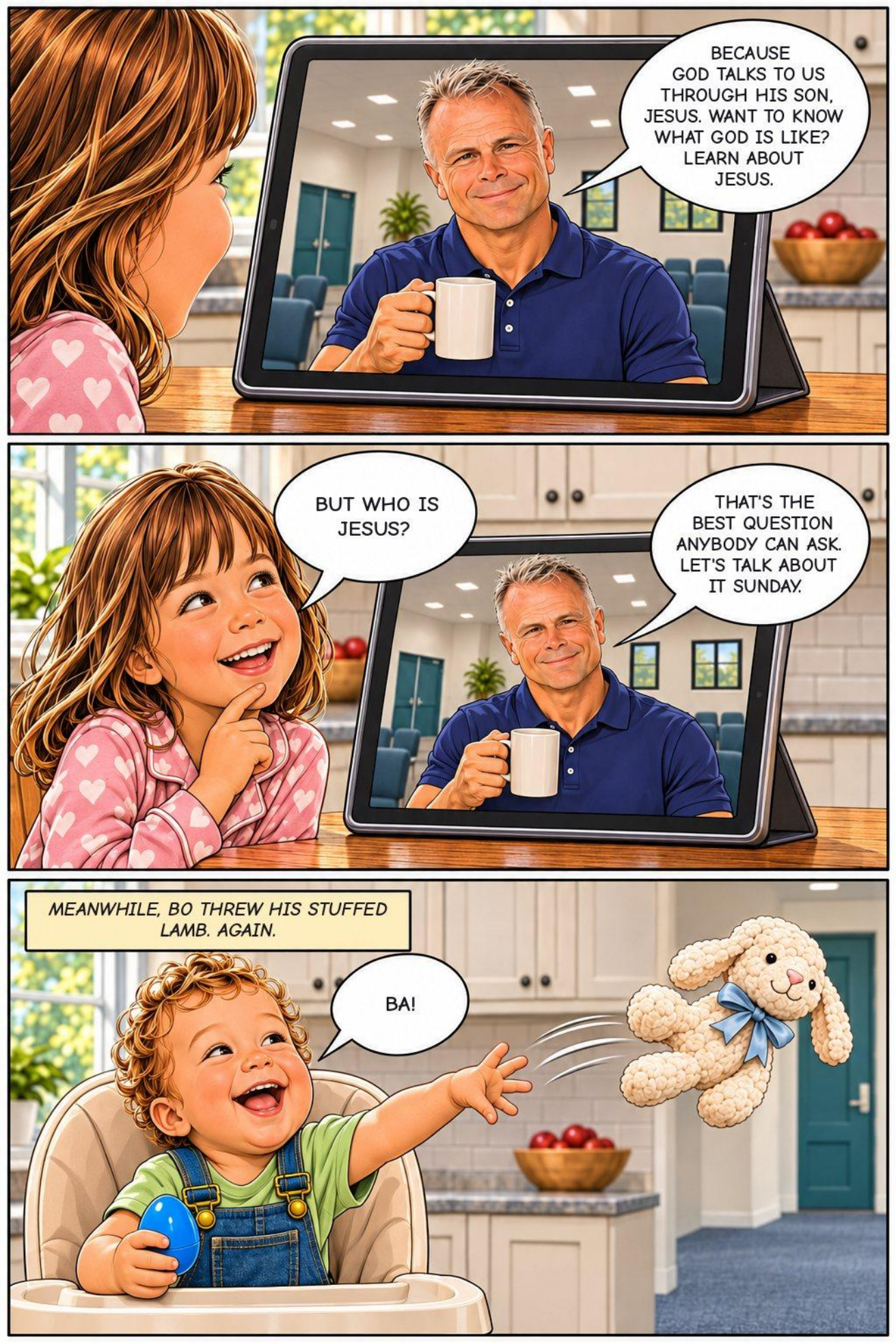
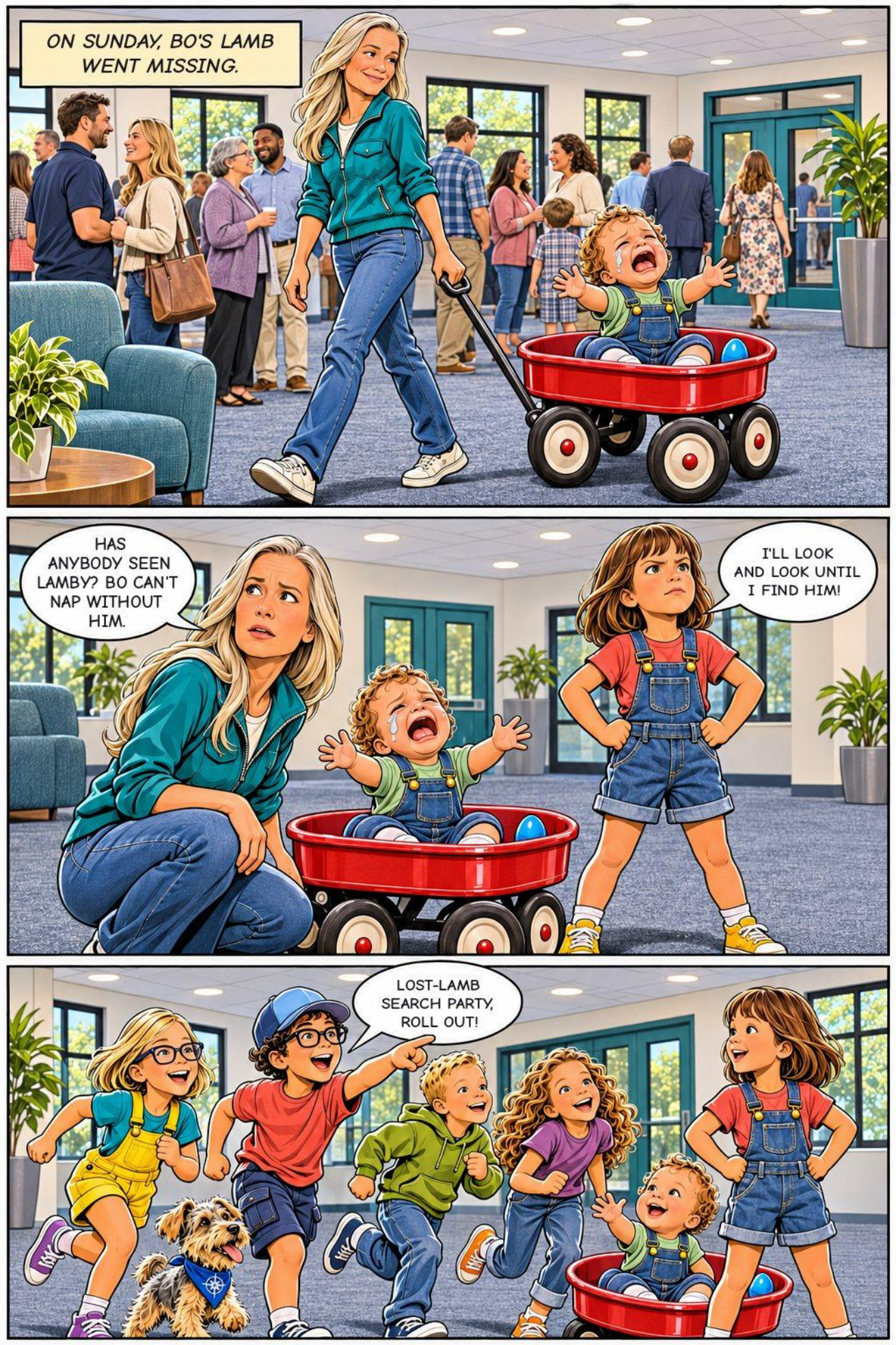
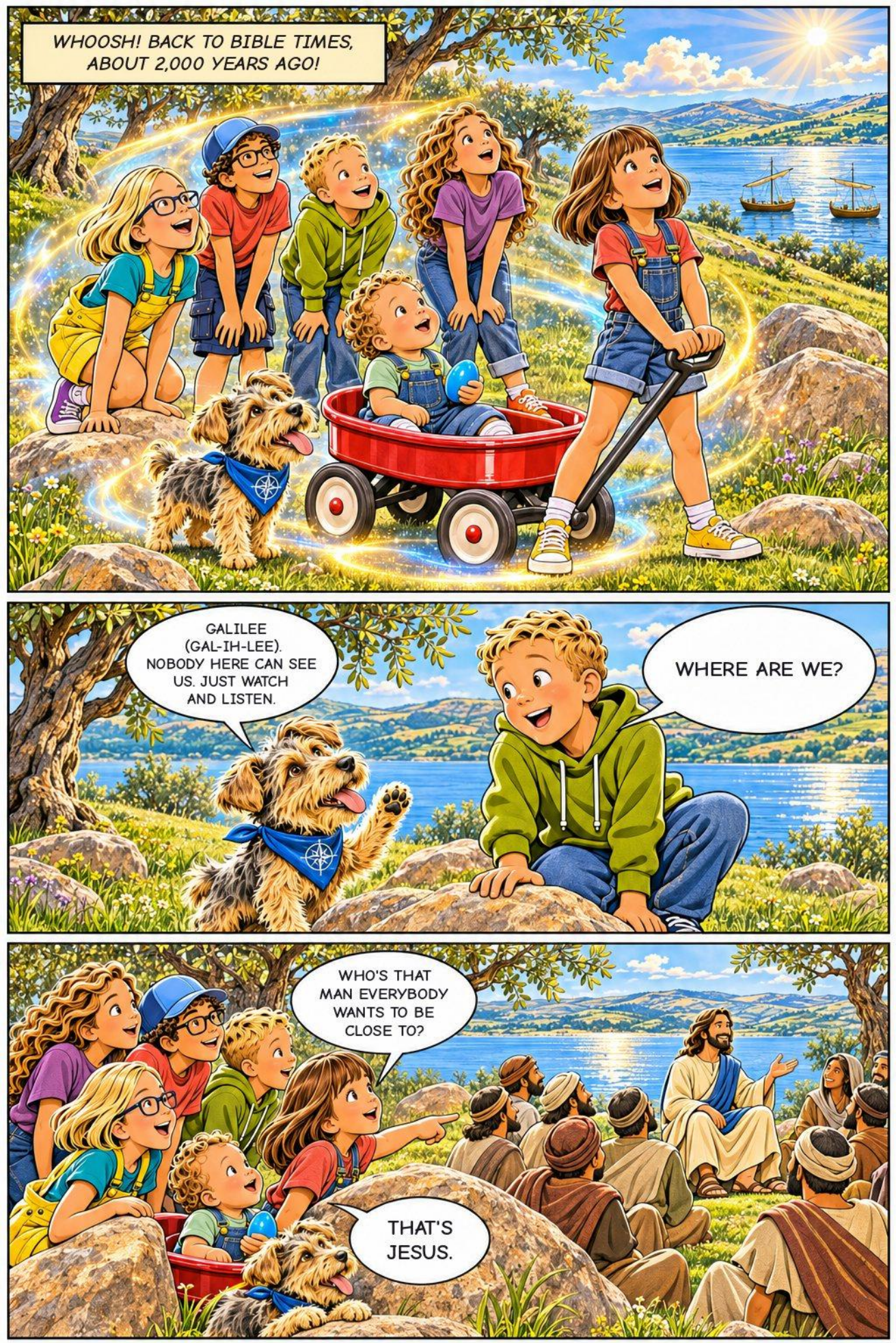

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What Does God Look Like?

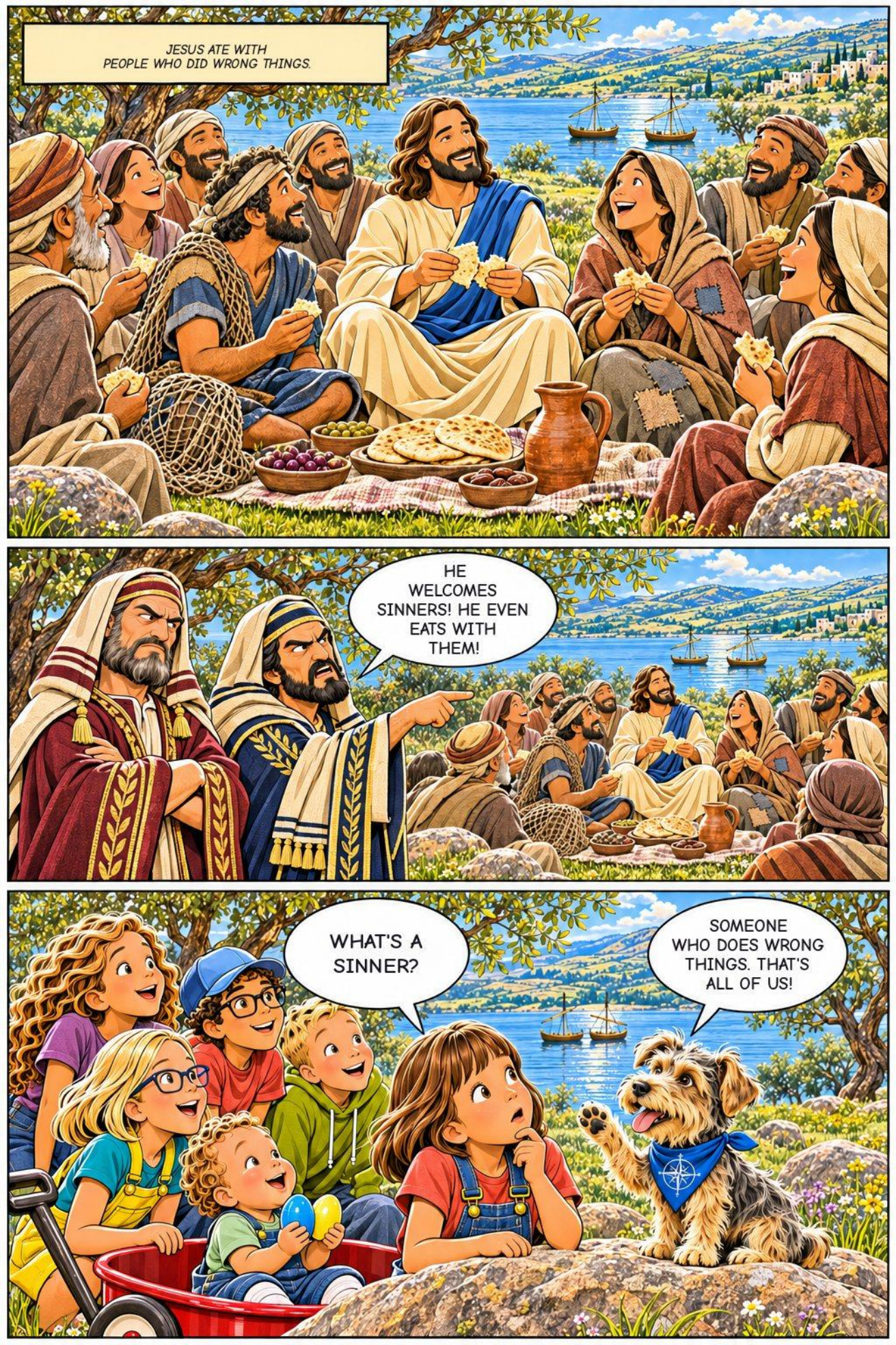

EVERY MORNING, ROSIE FACETIMED HER GRANDPA, PASTOR RICK. SHE CALLS HIM BAPO.
BAPO! DOES GOD TALK?
HE SURE DOES. LOUD AND CLEAR.
THEN HOW COME I'VE NEVER HEARD HIM? OR SEEN HIM?

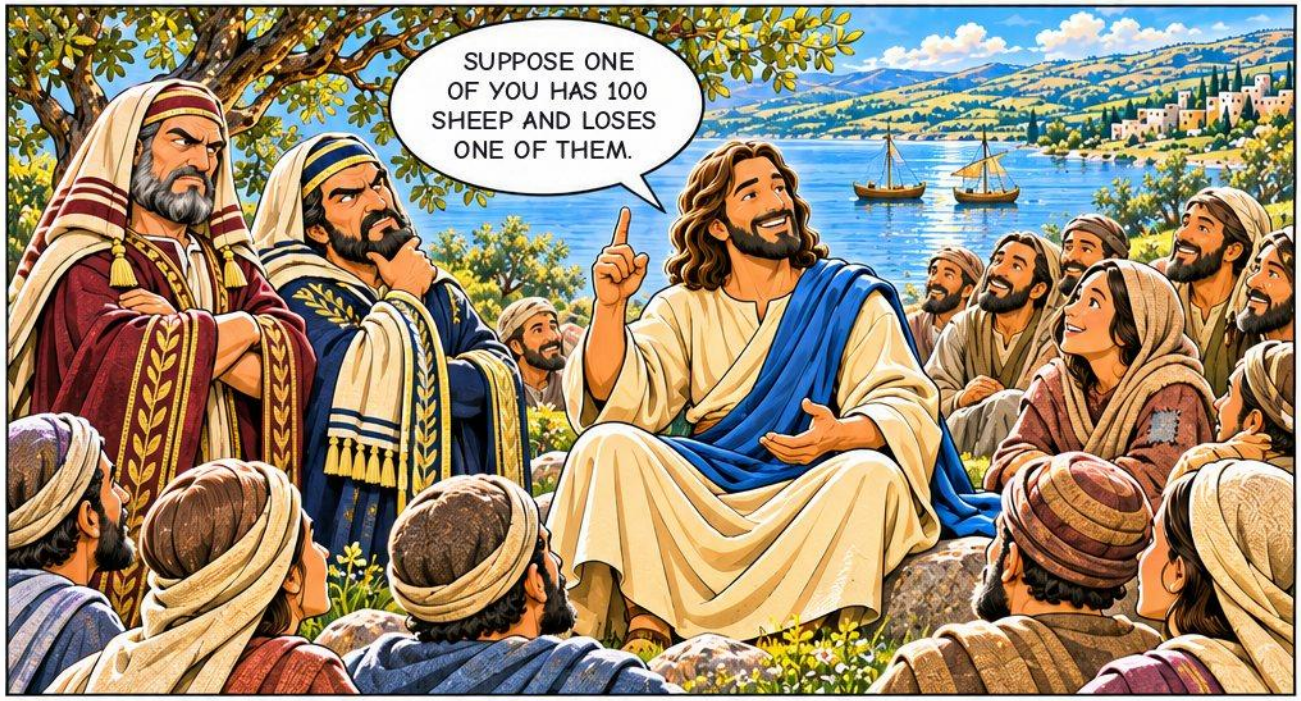

BECAUSE GOD TALKS TO US THROUGH HIS SON, JESUS. WANT TO KNOW WHAT GOD IS LIKE? LEARN ABOUT JESUS.
BUT WHO IS JESUS?
THAT'S THE BEST QUESTION ANYBODY CAN ASK. LET'S TALK ABOUT IT SUNDAY.
MEANWHILE, BO THREW HIS STUFFED LAMB. AGAIN.
BA!


ON SUNDAY, BO'S LAMB WENT MISSING.
HAS ANYBODY SEEN LAMBY? BO CAN'T NAP WITHOUT HIM.
I'LL LOOK AND LOOK UNTIL I FIND HIM!
LOST-LAMB SEARCH PARTY, ROLL OUT!

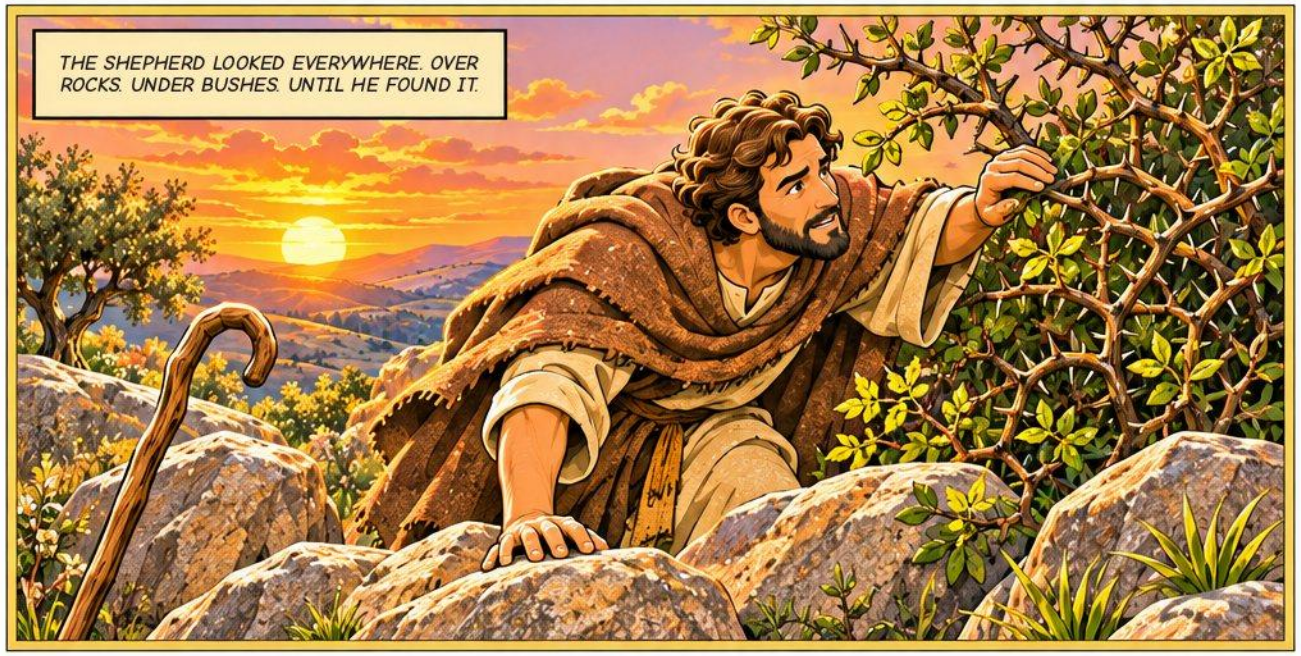

THEY LOOKED UNDER CHAIRS. BEHIND THE COFFEE BAR. INSIDE THE UMBRELLA STAND.
SPEAKING OF LOST LAMBS... WANT TO GO BACK IN TIME?
HE'S NOT ANYWHERE!
BAXTER'S BANDANA TAKES US BACK TO BIBLE TIMES. HOLD ON TIGHT!
BACK IN TIME? WAIT! BO'S COMING TOO!

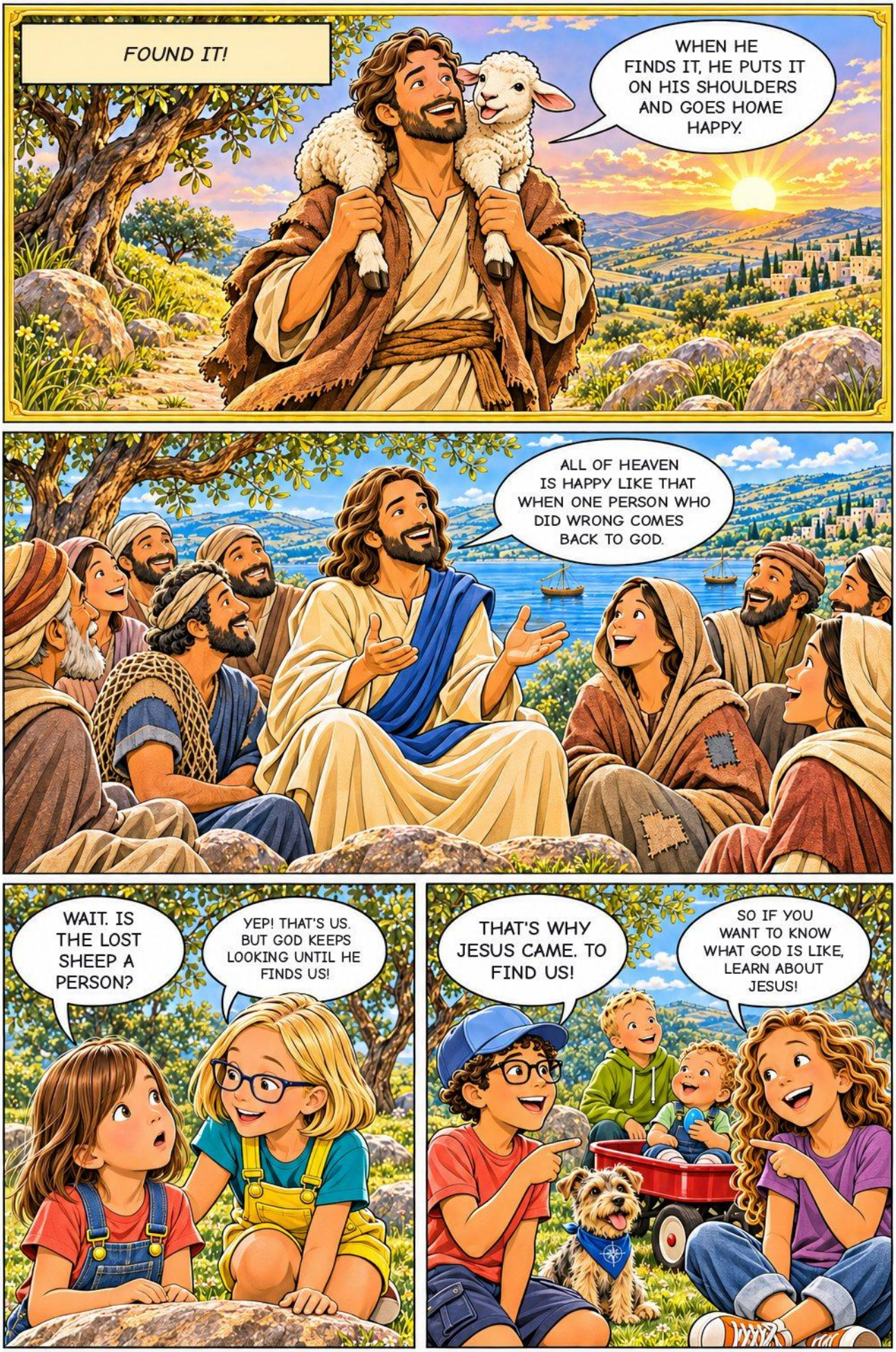

WHOOSH! BACK TO BIBLE TIMES, ABOUT 2,000 YEARS AGO!
GALILEE (GAL-IH-LEE). NOBODY HERE CAN SEE US. JUST WATCH AND LISTEN.
WHERE ARE WE?
WHO'S THAT MAN EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE CLOSE TO?
THAT'S JESUS.


JESUS ATE WITH PEOPLE WHO DID WRONG THINGS.
HE WELCOMES SINNERS! HE EVEN EATS WITH THEM!
WHAT'S A SINNER?
SOMEONE WHO DOES WRONG THINGS. THAT'S ALL OF US!

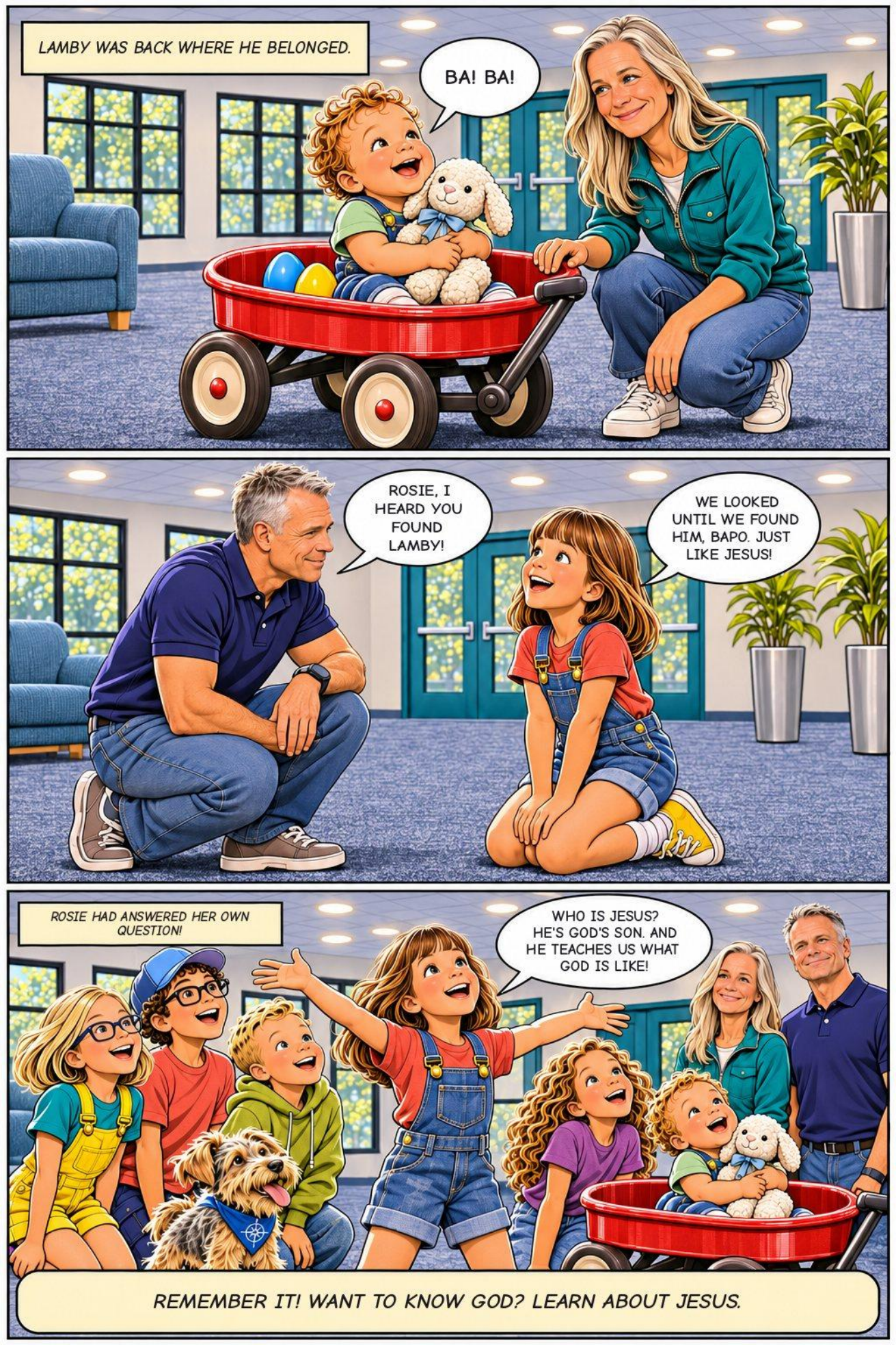

SUPPOSE ONE OF YOU HAS 100 SHEEP AND LOSES ONE OF THEM.


WON'T HE LEAVE THE 99 AND GO LOOK FOR THE LOST SHEEP UNTIL HE FINDS IT?


THE SHEPHERD LOOKED EVERYWHERE. OVER ROCKS. UNDER BUSHES. UNTIL HE FOUND IT.


FOUND IT!
WHEN HE FINDS IT, HE PUTS IT ON HIS SHOULDERS AND GOES HOME HAPPY.
ALL OF HEAVEN IS HAPPY LIKE THAT WHEN ONE PERSON WHO DID WRONG COMES BACK TO GOD.
WAIT. IS THE LOST SHEEP A PERSON?
YEP! THAT'S US. BUT GOD KEEPS LOOKING UNTIL HE FINDS US!
THAT'S WHY JESUS CAME. TO FIND US!
SO IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT GOD IS LIKE, LEARN ABOUT JESUS!


FLASH! BACK AT CHURCH, ONE SECOND AFTER THEY LEFT.
KEEP LOOKING! UNTIL WE FIND HIM!
AND THERE HE WAS, UNDER THE WELCOME TABLE!
FOUND HIM!


LAMBY WAS BACK WHERE HE BELONGED.
BA! BA!
ROSIE, I HEARD YOU FOUND LAMBY!
WE LOOKED UNTIL WE FOUND HIM, BAPO. JUST LIKE JESUS!
ROSIE HAD ANSWERED HER OWN QUESTION!
WHO IS JESUS? HE'S GOD'S SON. AND HE TEACHES US WHAT GOD IS LIKE!
REMEMBER IT! WANT TO KNOW GOD? LEARN ABOUT JESUS.

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WHO IS JESUS? SO FAR...

- Jesus is God's Son. NEW!
- He teaches us what God is like. NEW!

MEMORY VERSE

"But in these last days, he has spoken to us through his Son."

Hebrews 1:2 (NIrV)

That means God talks to us through Jesus.

TALK ABOUT IT WITH A GROWN-UP

1. Have you ever lost something special? How did it feel when you found it?
2. In Jesus' story, who is the lost sheep? Who keeps looking?
3. Jesus never stops looking for people. Who's someone you could pray for this week?



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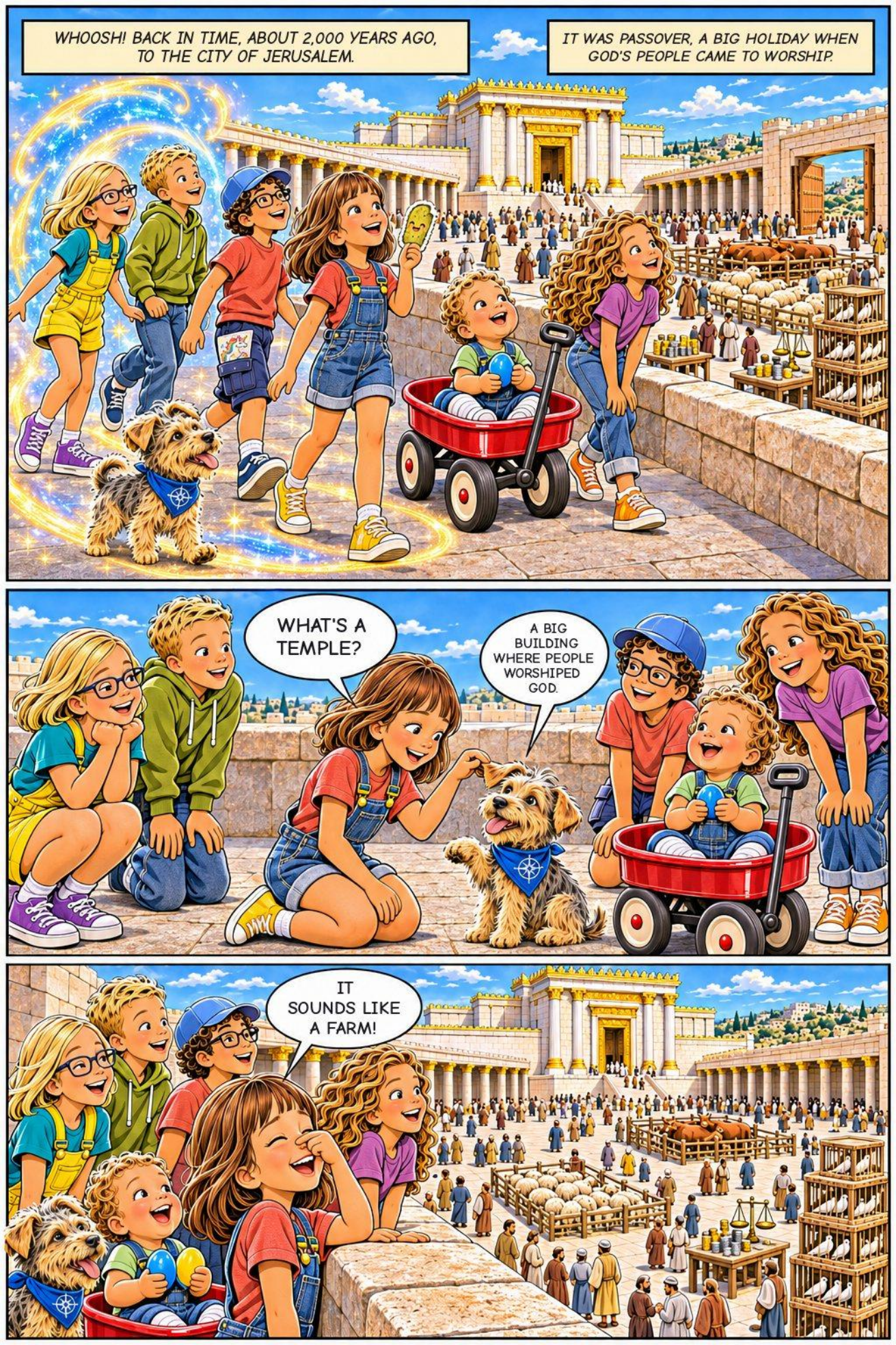
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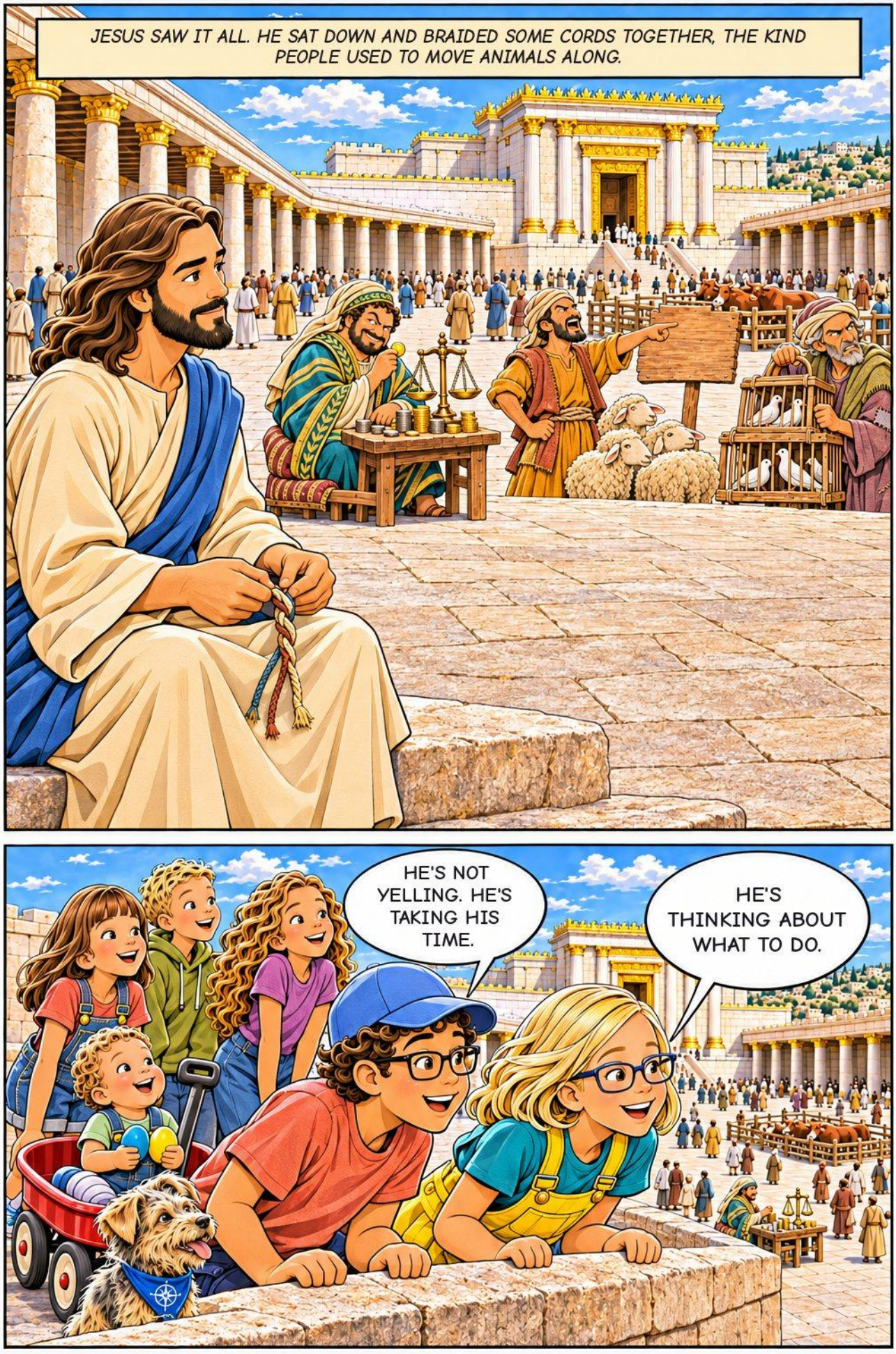



ROSIE HAD A BRAND-NEW SHEET OF SPARKLY UNICORN STICKERS. SHE SHOWED EVERYBODY.
LOOK! THEY SPARKLE!
ROSIE, WANT TO TRADE? THIS ONE'S SUPER RARE. IT'S WORTH WAY MORE THAN YOURS. TRUST ME.
REALLY? OKAY!


ROSIE GAVE ELI HER WHOLE SPARKLY SHEET. ELI GAVE HER ONE OLD STICKER. IT HAD A RIPPED CORNER. AND IT WAS A PICKLE.
IT DOESN'T SPARKLE...
ELI... THAT'S NOT FAIR.
WHAT? SHE SAID OKAY!
HMM. WANT TO GO BACK IN TIME AND SEE WHAT JESUS THINKS ABOUT CHEATING?
HOLD ON, ROSIE! BAXTER'S BANDANA TAKES US BACK TO BIBLE TIMES!
BA!

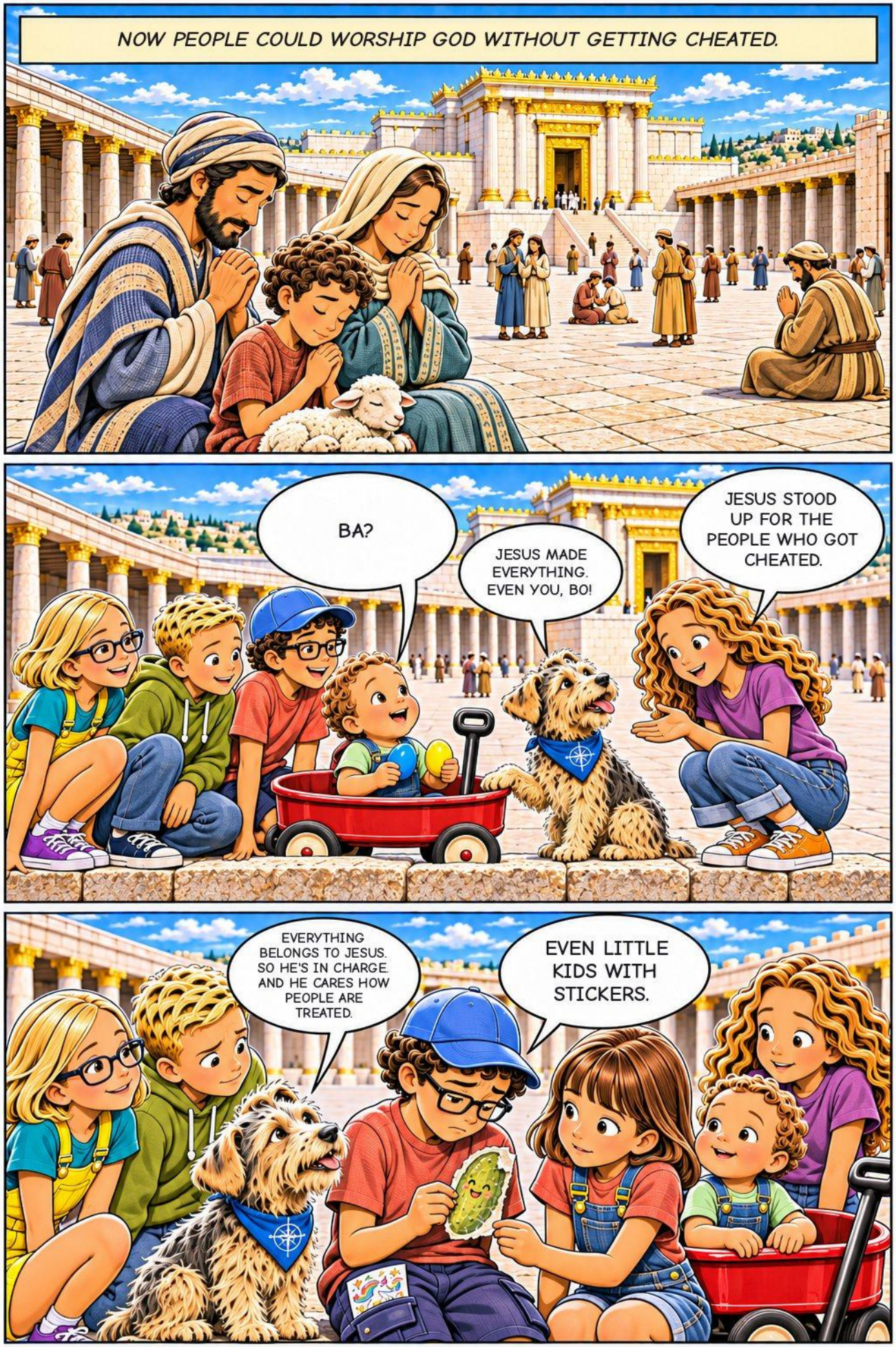

WHOOSH! BACK IN TIME, ABOUT 2,000 YEARS AGO, TO THE CITY OF JERUSALEM.
IT WAS PASSOVER, A BIG HOLIDAY WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE CAME TO WORSHIP.
WHAT'S A TEMPLE?
A BIG BUILDING WHERE PEOPLE WORSHIPED GOD.
IT SOUNDS LIKE A FARM!

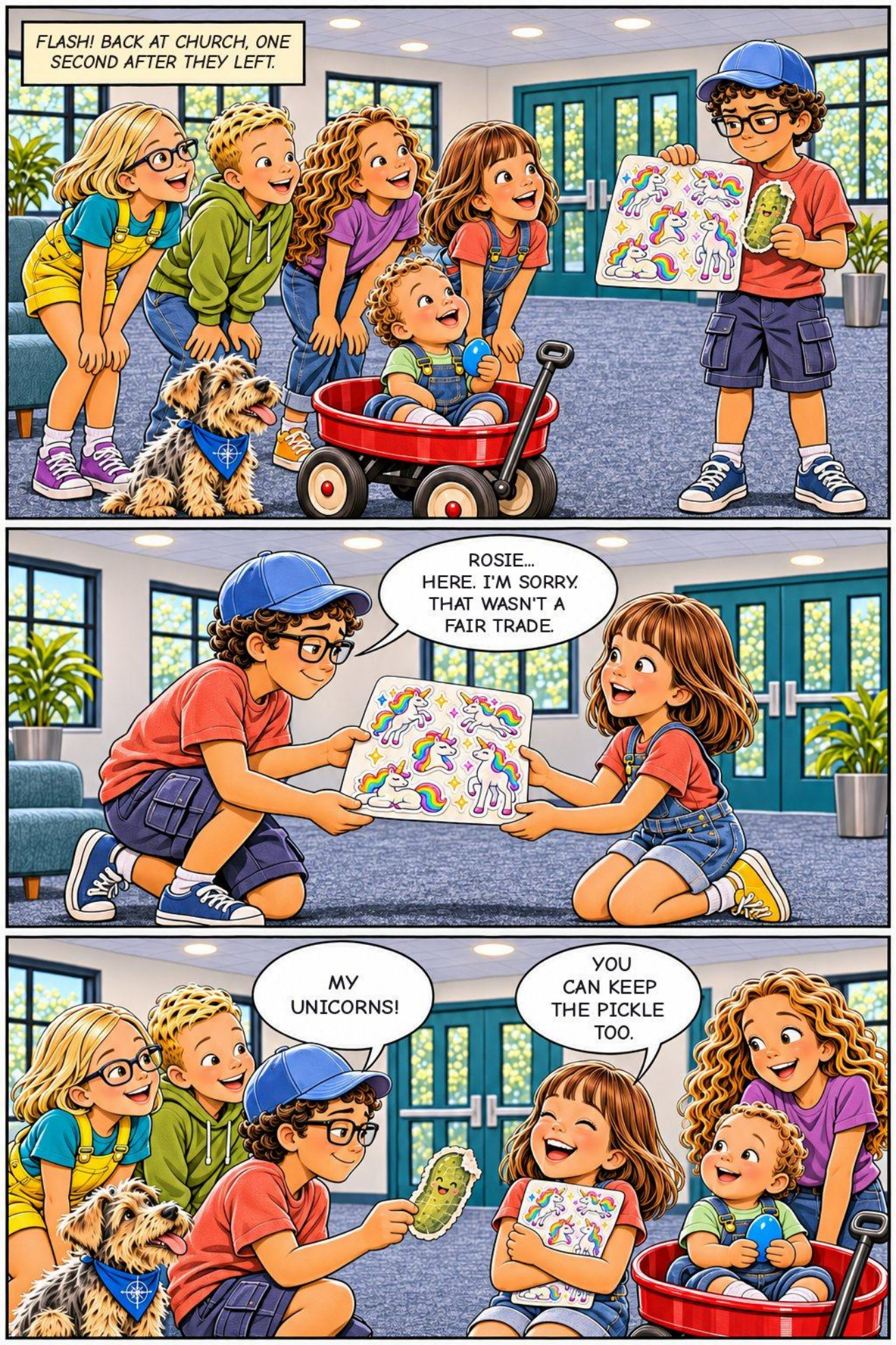

HERE'S HOW IT WORKED.
PEOPLE BROUGHT GIFTS TO GOD, LIKE A SHEEP OR A DOVE.
THEY PAID WITH SPECIAL TEMPLE COINS.
BUT THE COIN SWAPPERS CHEATED THEM!
TEN COINS FOR THIS LITTLE LAMB! TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT!
SO THEY CAME TO WORSHIP GOD... AND GOT CHEATED?
YEP. THEY TRUSTED THE SELLERS.
UH-OH.

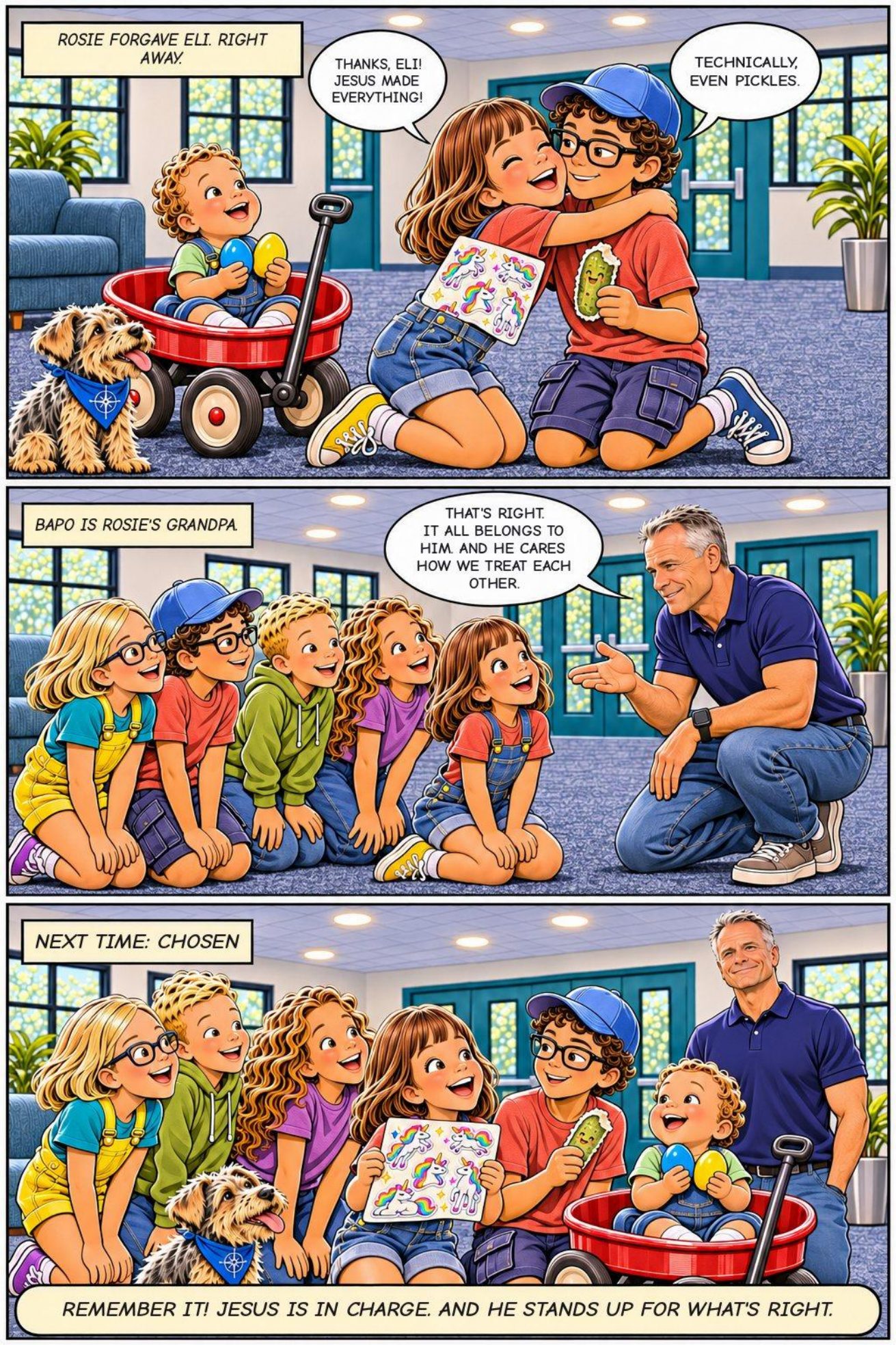

JESUS SAW IT ALL. HE SAT DOWN AND BRAIDED SOME CORDS TOGETHER, THE KIND PEOPLE USED TO MOVE ANIMALS ALONG.
HE'S NOT YELLING. HE'S TAKING HIS TIME.
HE'S THINKING ABOUT WHAT TO DO.


THEN JESUS CALMLY LED THE SHEEP AND CATTLE OUT. HE TIPPED OVER THE CHEATERS' TABLES, AND THEIR COINS ROLLED AWAY.
CLINK!
CLINK! CLINK!
GET THESE OUT OF HERE! STOP TURNING MY FATHER'S TEMPLE INTO A SHOPPING CENTER!
HE'S STANDING UP FOR PEOPLE!


THE DOVES STAYED IN THEIR CAGES. SO JESUS TOLD THE SELLERS TO CARRY THEM OUT.
HA! DOVES JUST DO WHATEVER DOVES WANT!
HIS FATHER? WHO'S HIS FATHER?
GOD IS! JESUS IS GOD'S SON. HE WANTED THE TEMPLE TO BE A PLACE FOR WORSHIPING GOD, NOT CHEATING PEOPLE.


NOW PEOPLE COULD WORSHIP GOD WITHOUT GETTING CHEATED.
BA?
JESUS MADE EVERYTHING. EVEN YOU, BO!
JESUS STOOD UP FOR THE PEOPLE WHO GOT CHEATED.
EVERYTHING BELONGS TO JESUS. SO HE'S IN CHARGE. AND HE CARES HOW PEOPLE ARE TREATED.
EVEN LITTLE KIDS WITH STICKERS.


FLASH! BACK AT CHURCH, ONE SECOND AFTER THEY LEFT.
ROSIE... HERE. I'M SORRY. THAT WASN'T A FAIR TRADE.
MY UNICORNS!
YOU CAN KEEP THE PICKLE TOO.


ROSIE FORGAVE ELI. RIGHT AWAY.
THANKS, ELI! JESUS MADE EVERYTHING!
TECHNICALLY, EVEN PICKLES.
BAPO IS ROSIE'S GRANDPA.
THAT'S RIGHT. IT ALL BELONGS TO HIM. AND HE CARES HOW WE TREAT EACH OTHER.
NEXT TIME: CHOSEN
REMEMBER IT! JESUS IS IN CHARGE. AND HE STANDS UP FOR WHAT'S RIGHT.

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WHO IS JESUS? SO FAR...

- Jesus is God's Son.
- He teaches us what God is like.
- He made everything, so he's in charge. And he stands up for what's right. NEW!

MEMORY VERSE

"God also made everything through him (Jesus)."

Hebrews 1:2 (NIrV)

That means Jesus made everything: stars, oceans, puppies, and you!

TALK ABOUT IT WITH A GROWN-UP

1. Has anyone ever cheated you? How did it feel?
2. Why did Jesus stand up for the people in the temple?
3. Name three things Jesus made that make you happy.



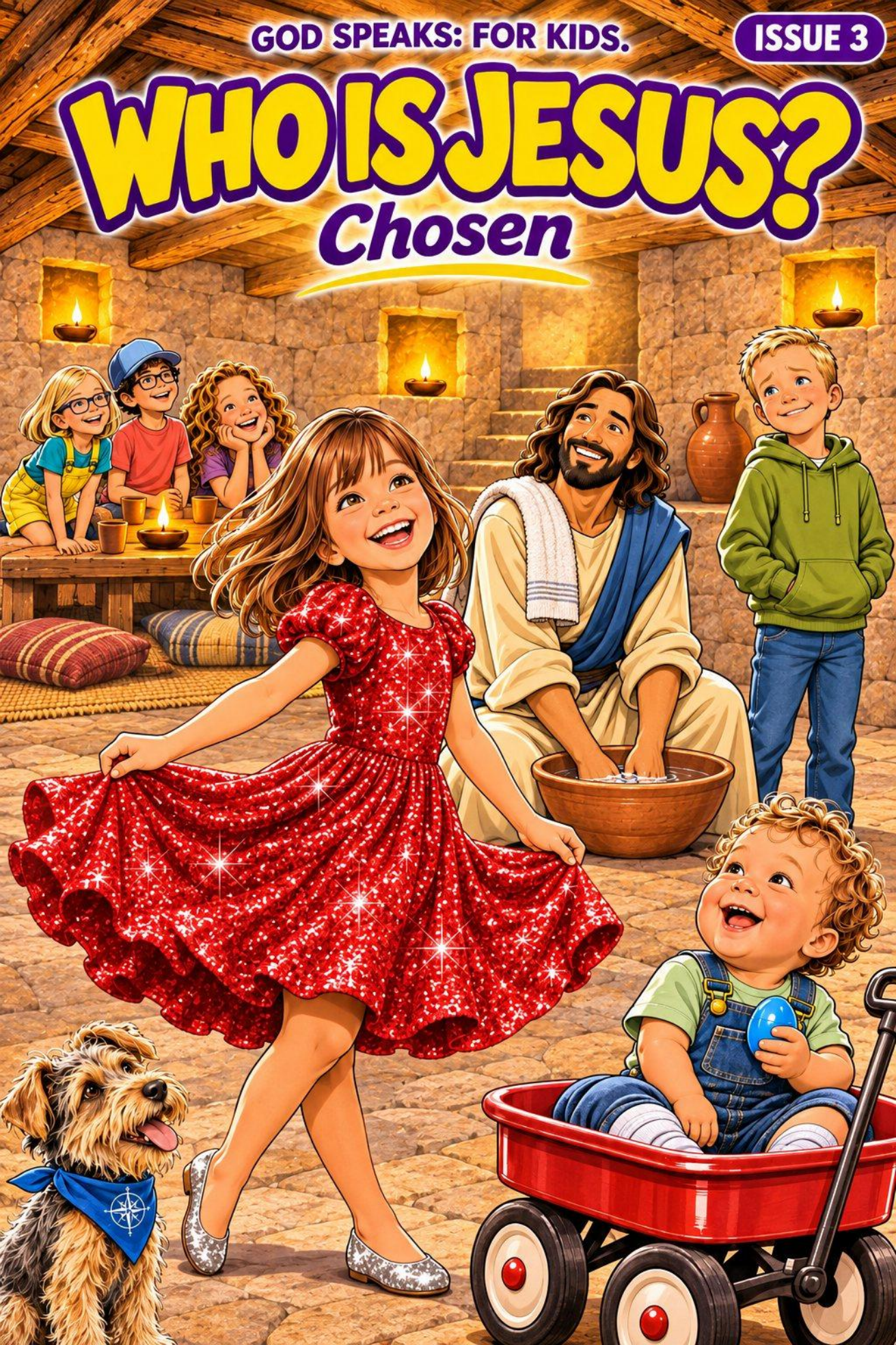
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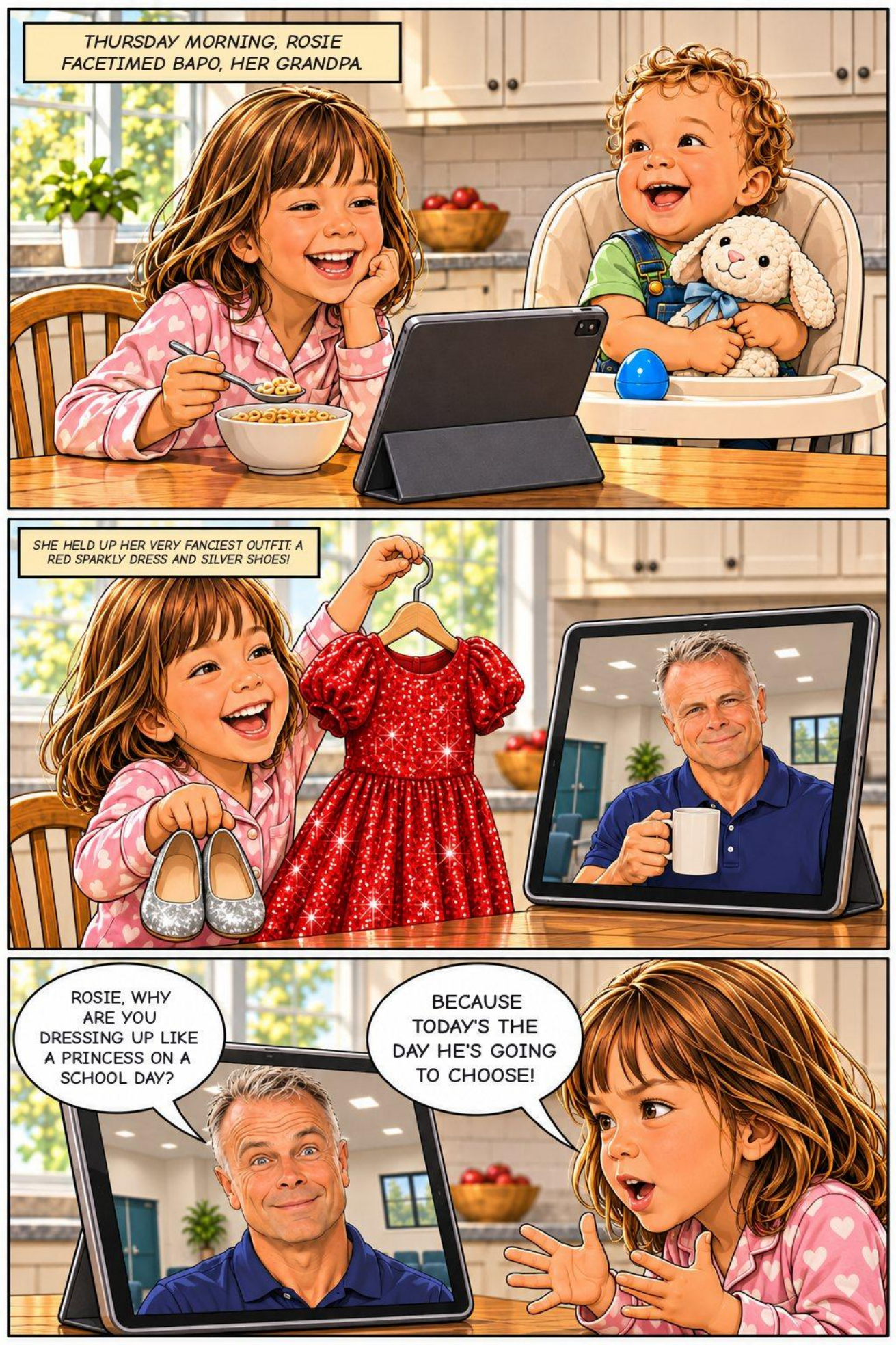
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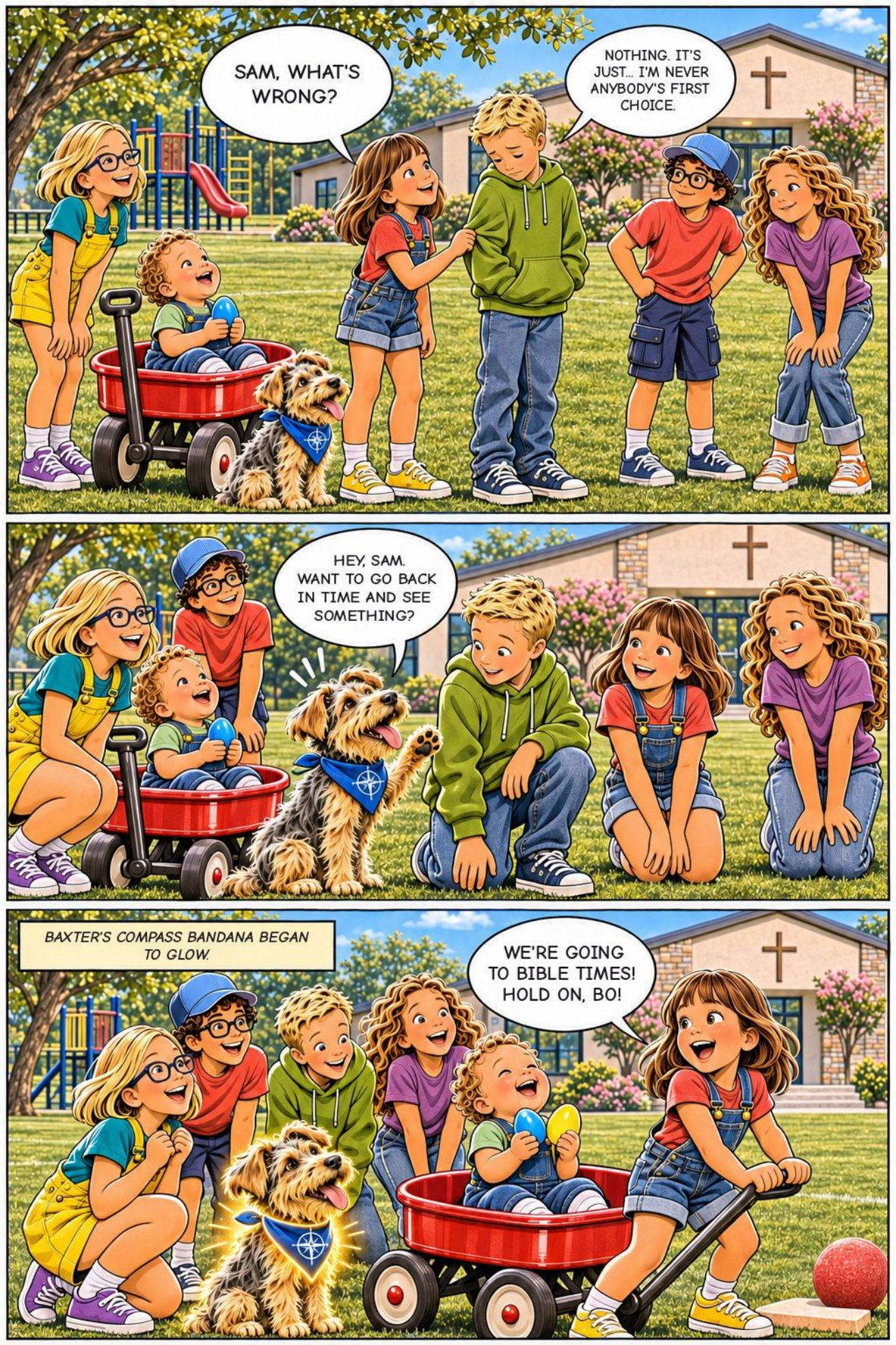
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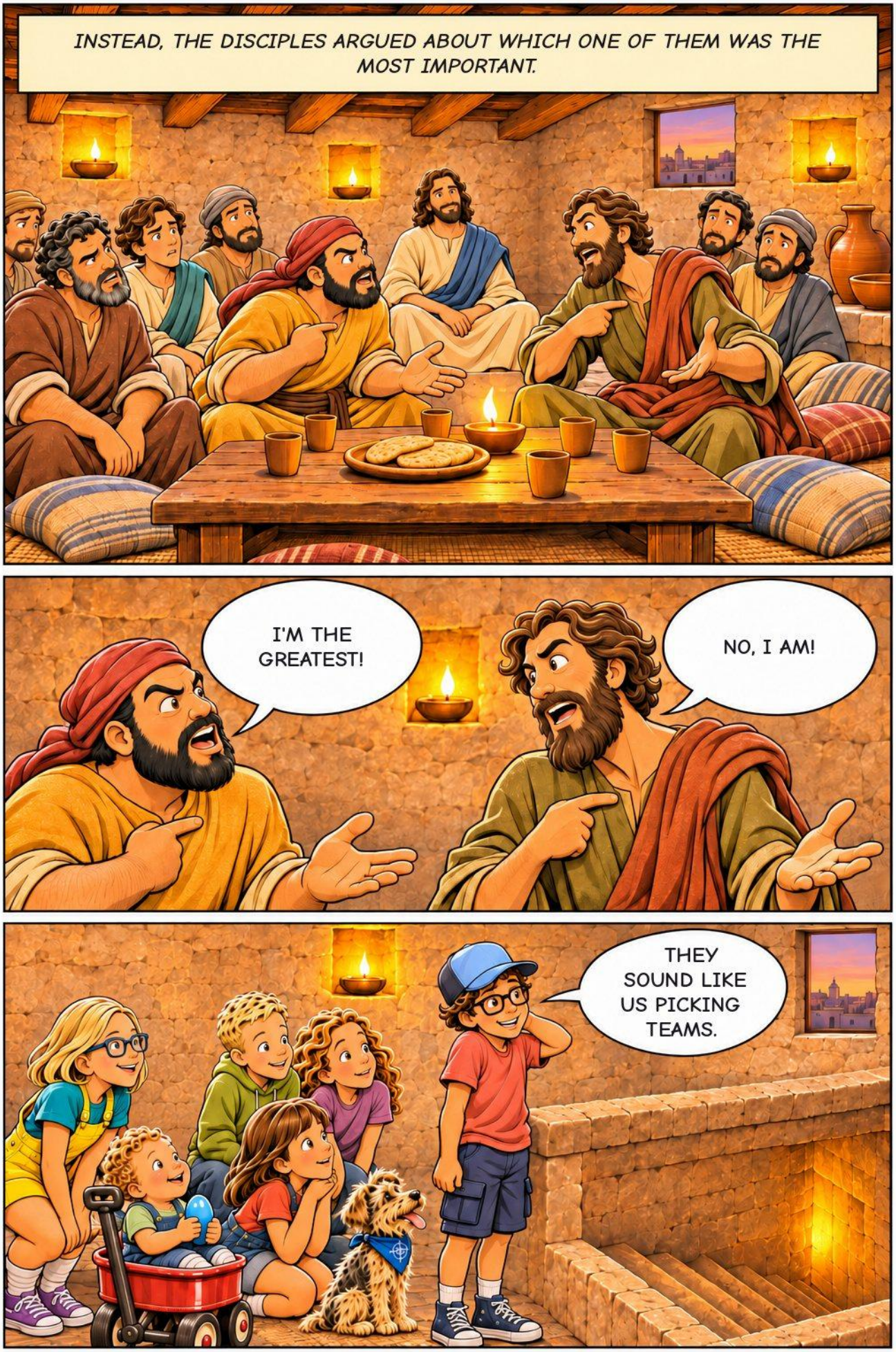

THURSDAY MORNING, ROSIE FACETIMED BAPO, HER GRANDPA.
SHE HELD UP HER VERY FANCIEST OUTFIT: A RED SPARKLY DRESS AND SILVER SHOES!
ROSIE, WHY ARE YOU DRESSING UP LIKE A PRINCESS ON A SCHOOL DAY?
BECAUSE TODAY'S THE DAY HE'S GOING TO CHOOSE!

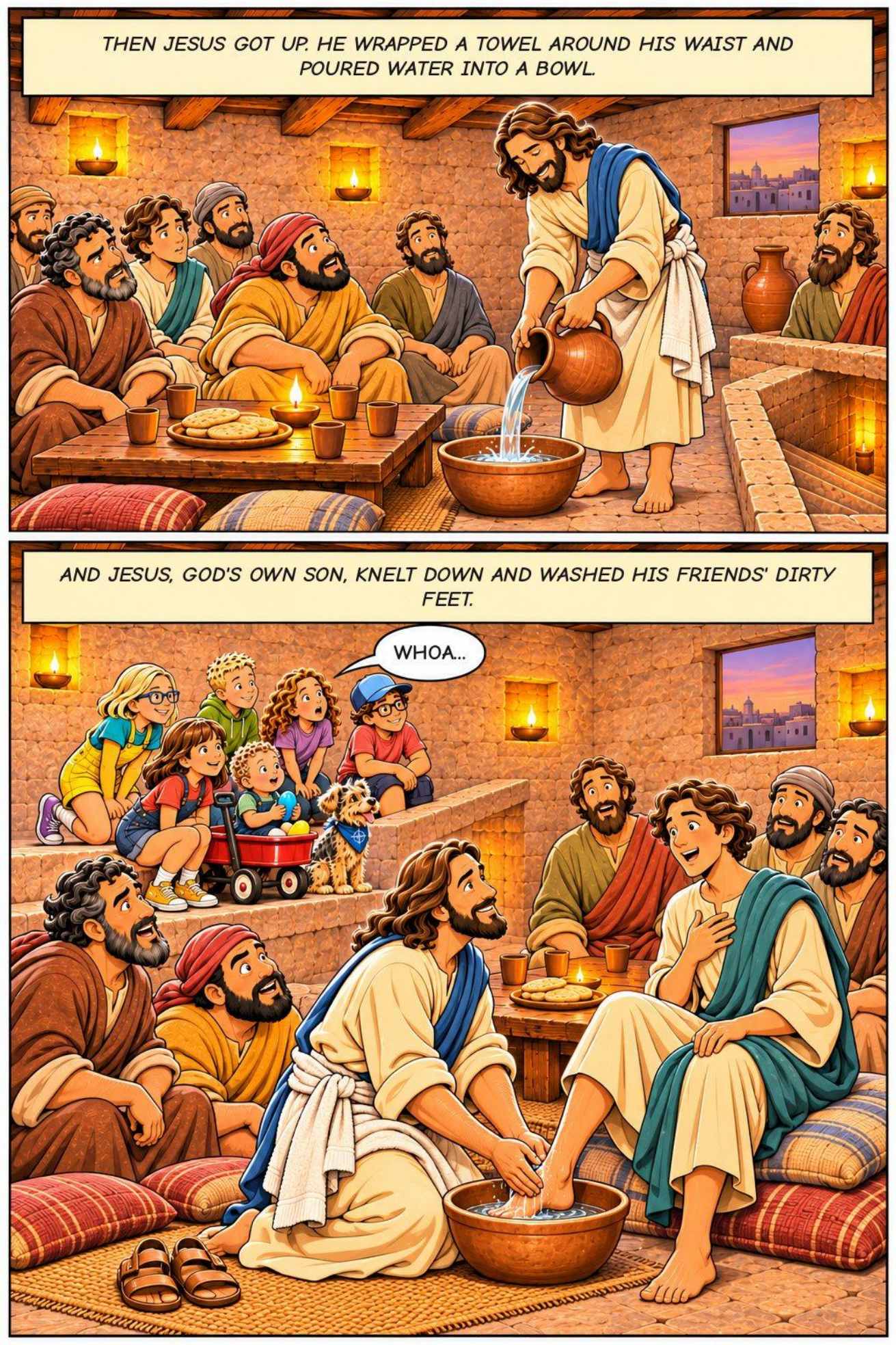

THERE WAS A BOY IN ROSIE'S PRESCHOOL CLASS THAT ALL THE GIRLS LIKED. TODAY HE WOULD PICK ONE FRIEND TO SIT WITH AT THE CLASS PICNIC.
I HAVE TO LOOK MY VERY BEST.
OH BOY. I HOPE SHE DOESN'T WANT A BOYFRIEND ALREADY!

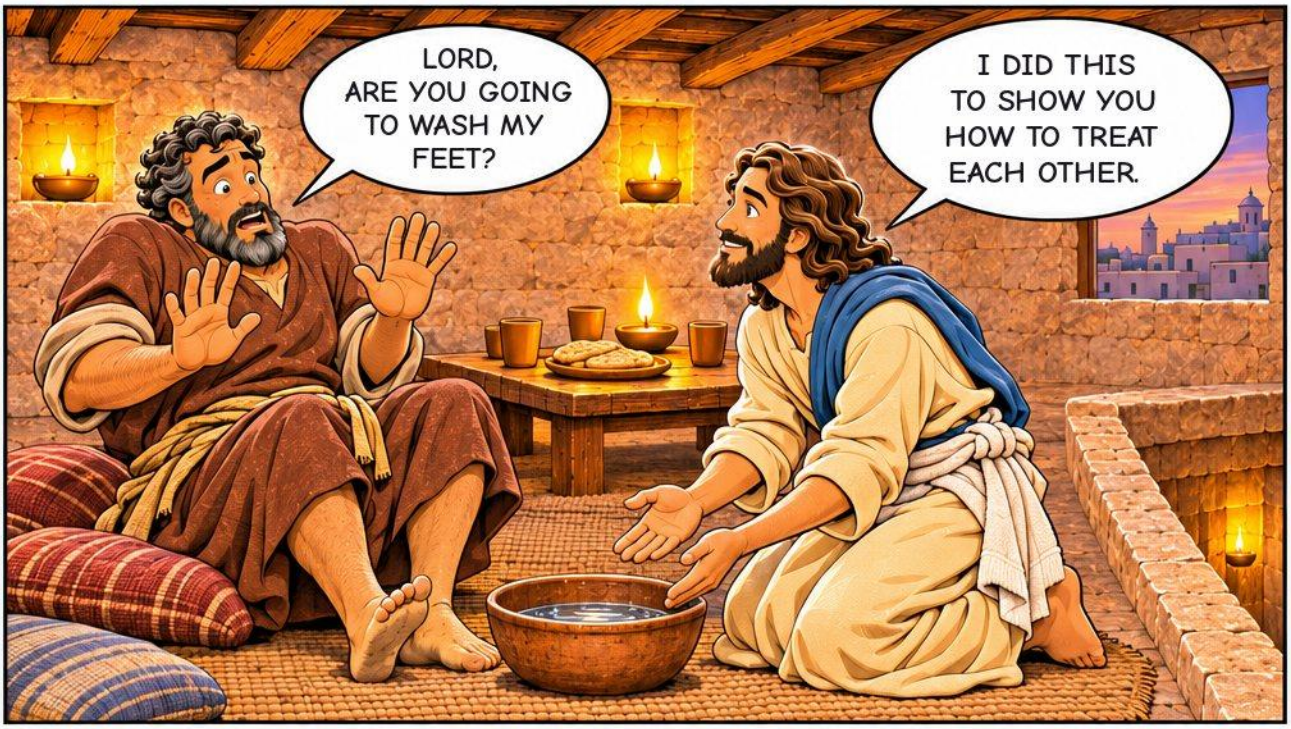

THAT AFTERNOON, THE BIG KIDS WERE PICKING TEAMS FOR KICKBALL.
I PICK MAYA!
I PICK... UM...
SAM WAS PICKED LAST. AGAIN.
NOBODY EVER PICKS ME FIRST.

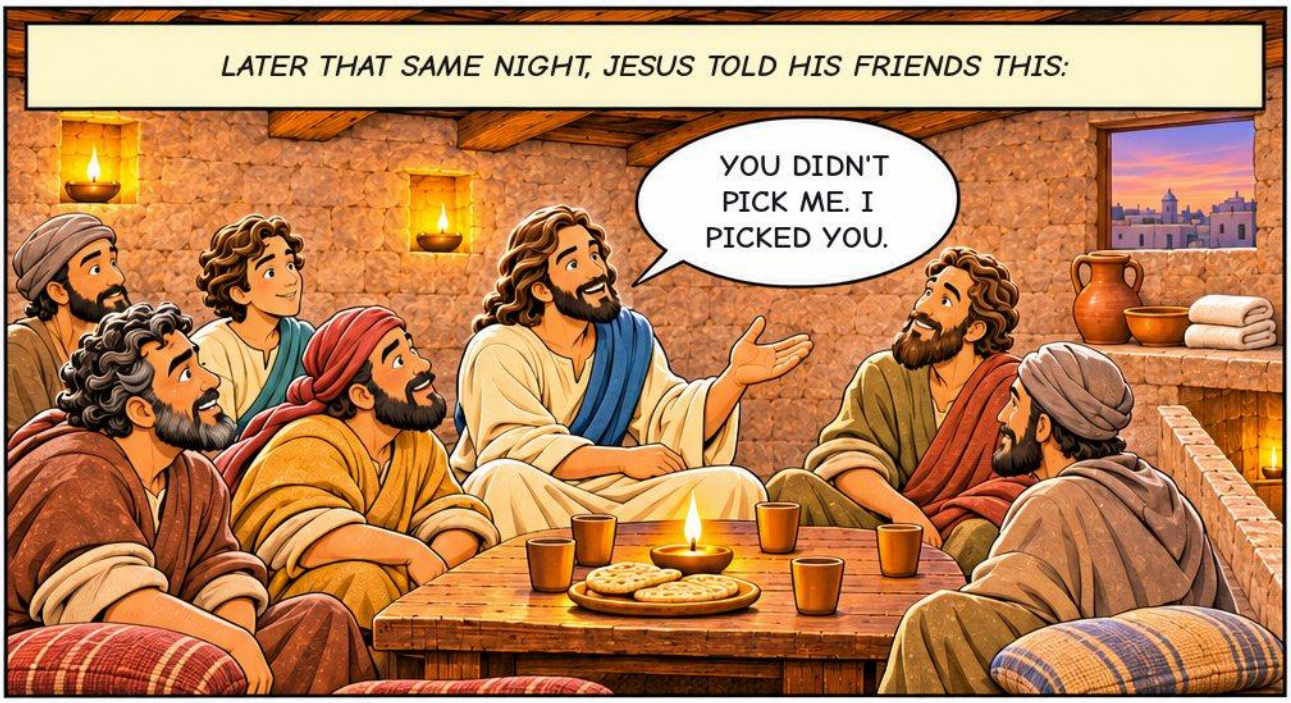

SAM, WHAT'S WRONG?
NOTHING. IT'S JUST... I'M NEVER ANYBODY'S FIRST CHOICE.
HEY, SAM. WANT TO GO BACK IN TIME AND SEE SOMETHING?
BAXTER'S COMPASS BANDANA BEGAN TO GLOW.
WE'RE GOING TO BIBLE TIMES! HOLD ON, BO!


WHOOSH! BACK IN TIME, ABOUT 2,000 YEARS AGO, TO AN UPSTAIRS ROOM IN JERUSALEM. JESUS WAS HAVING SUPPER WITH HIS TWELVE CLOSEST FRIENDS, HIS DISCIPLES.
THEIR FEET ARE SO DUSTY!
BACK THEN, A SERVANT WASHED THE GUESTS' DUSTY FEET. IT WAS THE YUCKIEST JOB IN THE HOUSE! BUT THERE'S NO SERVANT HERE.

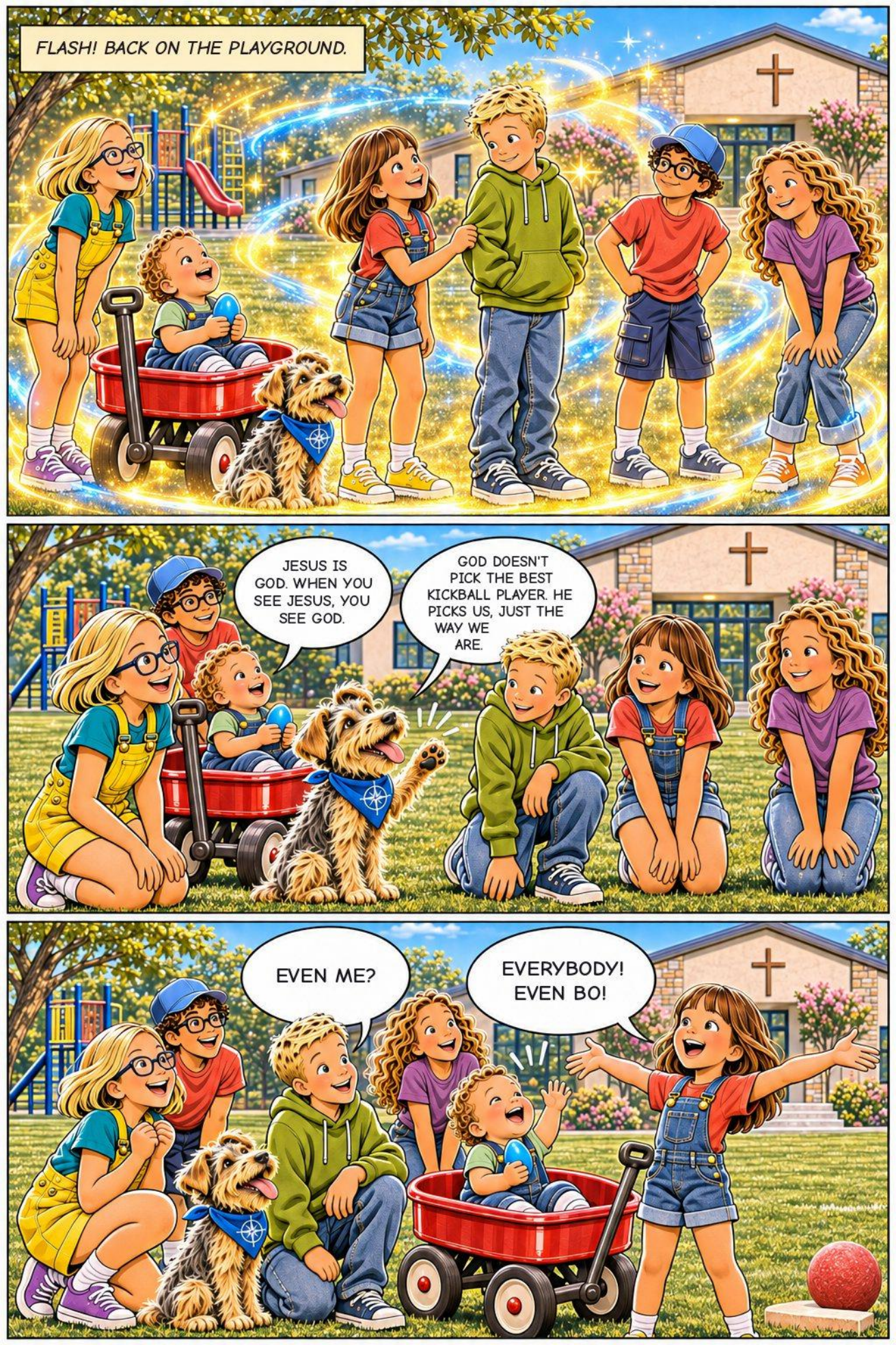

INSTEAD, THE DISCIPLES ARGUED ABOUT WHICH ONE OF THEM WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT.
I'M THE GREATEST!
NO, I AM!
THEY SOUND LIKE US PICKING TEAMS.

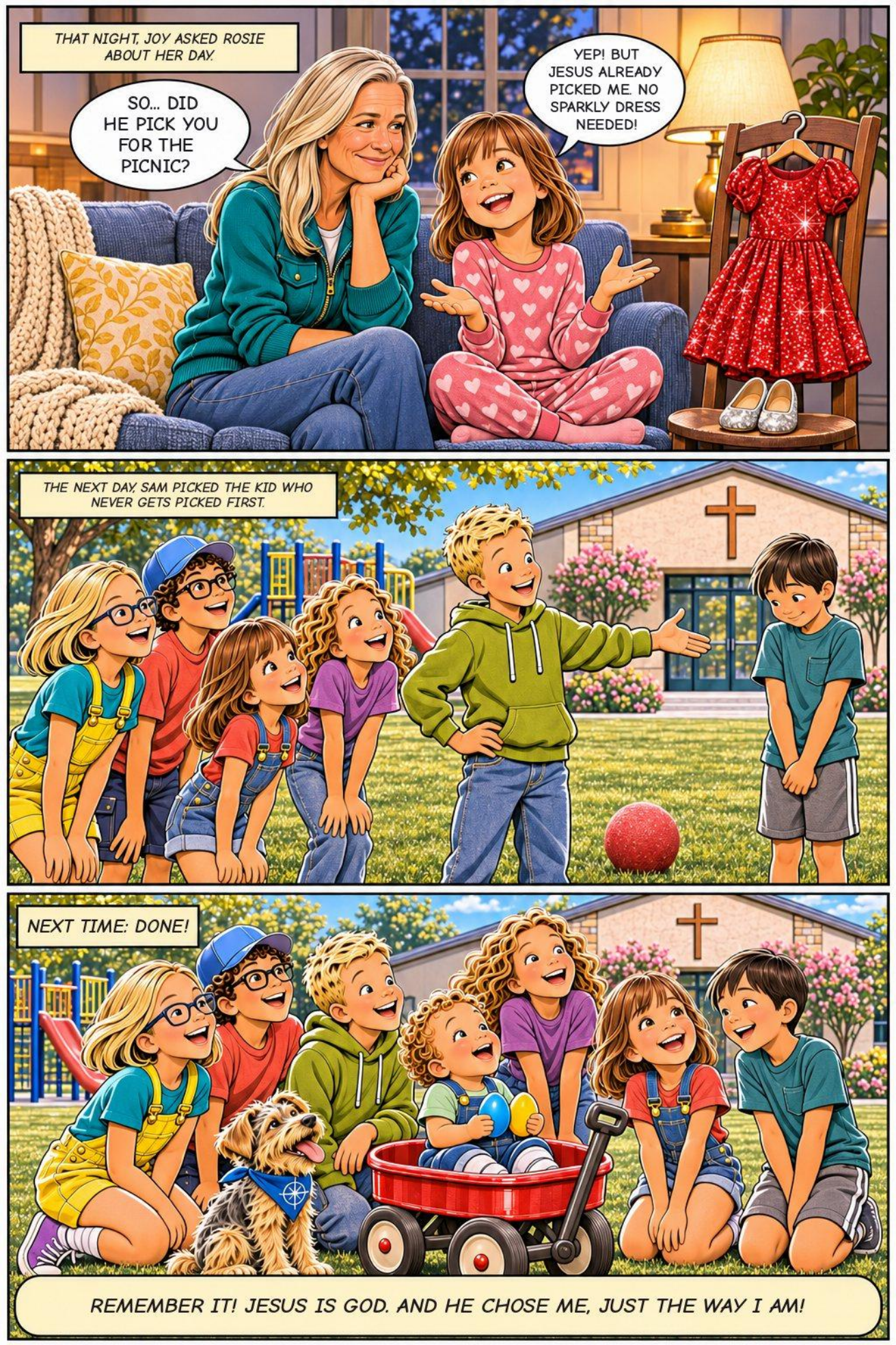

THEN JESUS GOT UP. HE WRAPPED A TOWEL AROUND HIS WAIST AND POURED WATER INTO A BOWL.
AND JESUS, GOD'S OWN SON, KNELT DOWN AND WASHED HIS FRIENDS' DIRTY FEET.
WHOA...


LORD, ARE YOU GOING TO WASH MY FEET?
I DID THIS TO SHOW YOU HOW TO TREAT EACH OTHER.


LATER THAT SAME NIGHT, JESUS TOLD HIS FRIENDS THIS:
YOU DIDN'T PICK ME. I PICKED YOU.


WAIT. JESUS PICKED THEM? LIKE PICKING TEAMS?


FLASH! BACK ON THE PLAYGROUND.
JESUS IS GOD. WHEN YOU SEE JESUS, YOU SEE GOD.
GOD DOESN'T PICK THE BEST KICKBALL PLAYER. HE PICKS US, JUST THE WAY WE ARE.
EVEN ME?
EVERYBODY! EVEN BO!


THAT NIGHT, JOY ASKED ROSIE ABOUT HER DAY.
SO... DID HE PICK YOU FOR THE PICNIC?
YEP! BUT JESUS ALREADY PICKED ME. NO SPARKLY DRESS NEEDED!
THE NEXT DAY, SAM PICKED THE KID WHO NEVER GETS PICKED FIRST.
NEXT TIME: DONE!
REMEMBER IT! JESUS IS GOD. AND HE CHOSE ME, JUST THE WAY I AM!

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WHO IS JESUS? SO FAR...

- Jesus is God's Son.
- He teaches us what God is like.
- He made everything, so he's in charge. And he stands up for what's right.
- He is God. And he chose me, just the way I am. NEW!

MEMORY VERSE

"He (Jesus) is the exact likeness of God's being."

Hebrews 1:3 (NIrV)

That means when you see Jesus, you see God.

TALK ABOUT IT WITH A GROWN-UP

1. Have you ever been picked last, or not picked at all? How did it feel?
2. Jesus is God, but he did the yuckiest job in the house to show his friends he loved them. How could you show someone love by helping this week?
3. Jesus picked you just the way you are. This week, who's one kid who might feel left out? How could you sit with them, play with them, or pick them for your team?



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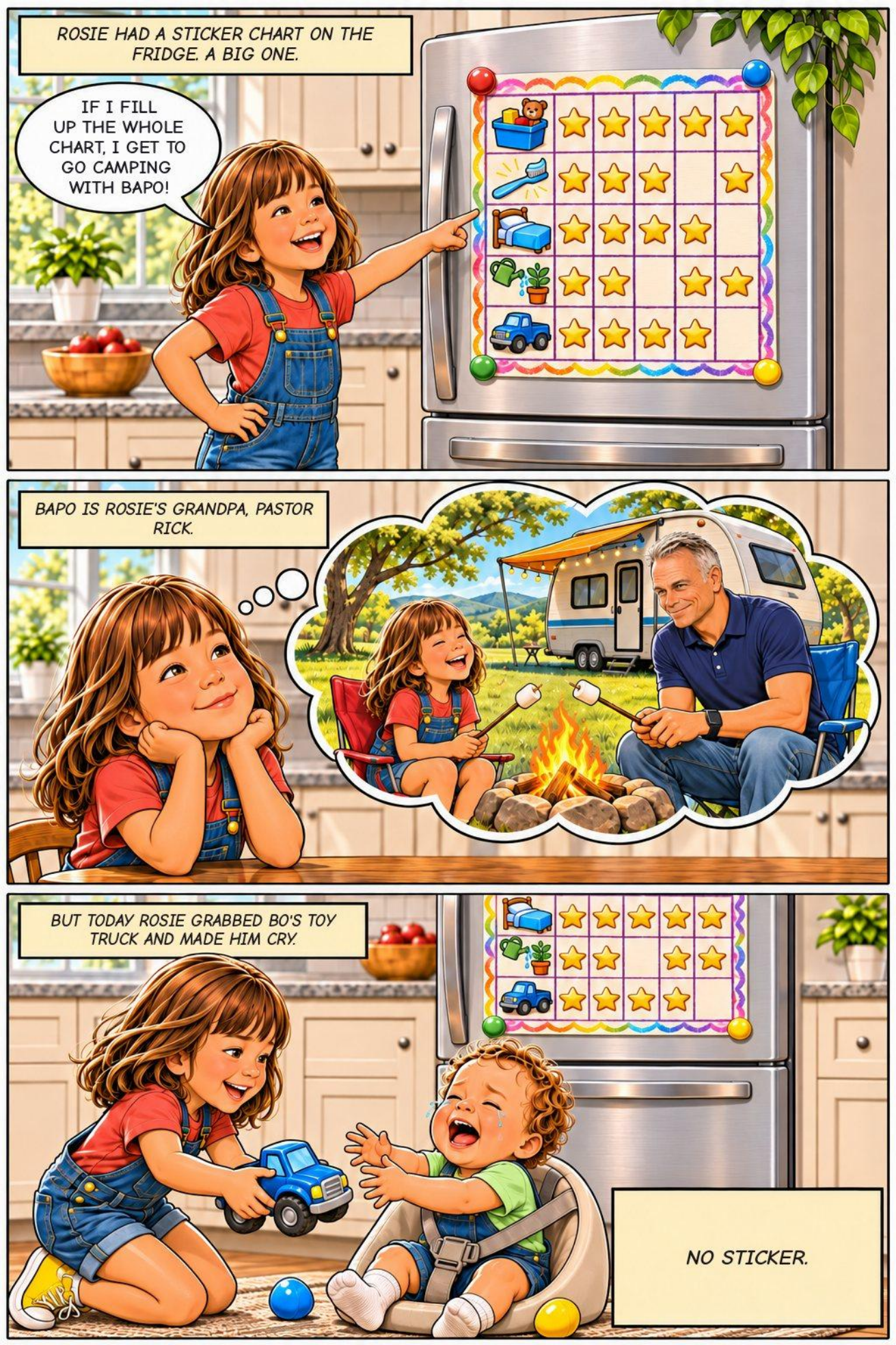
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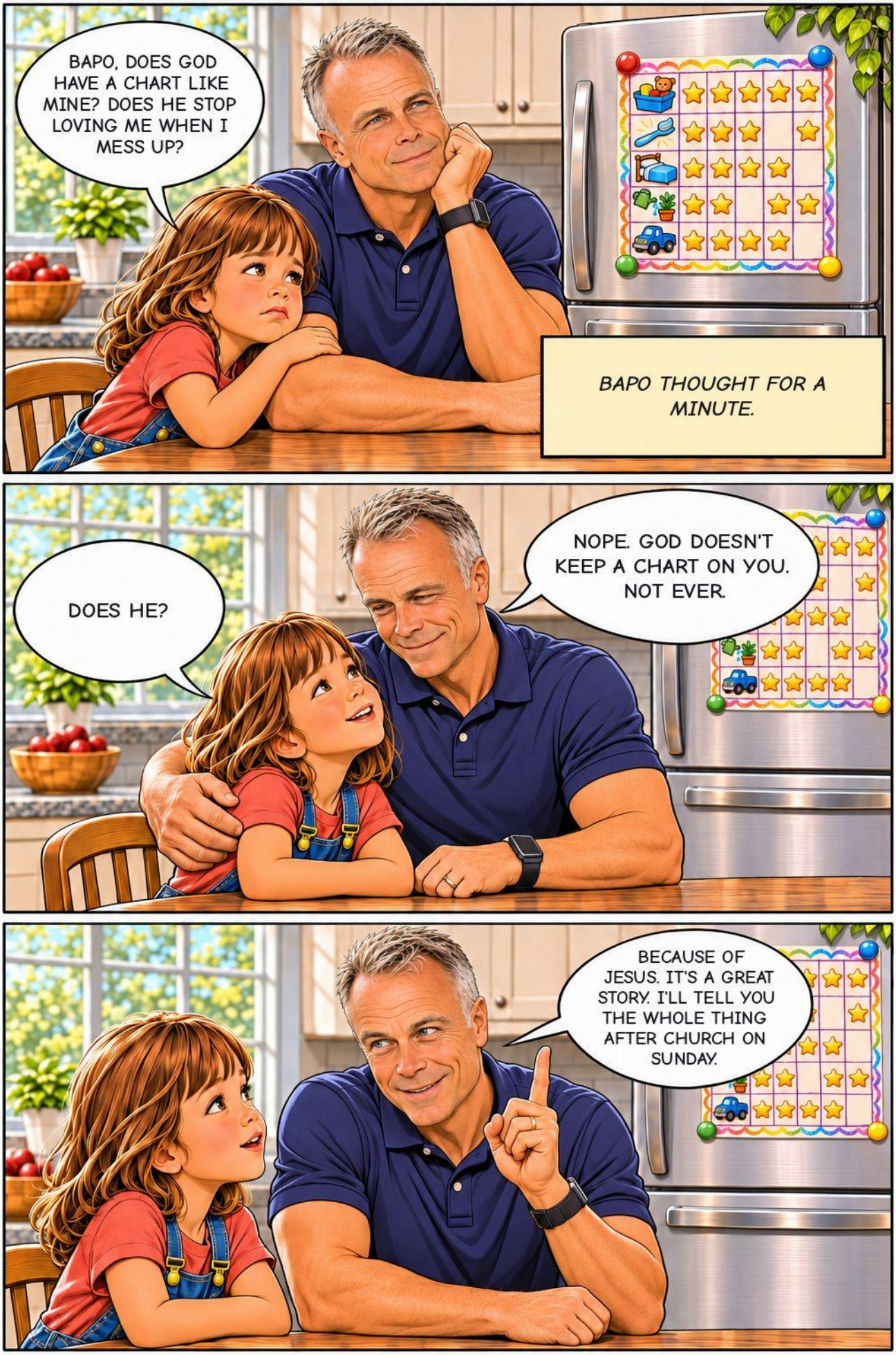
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Done!




ROSIE HAD A STICKER CHART ON THE FRIDGE. A BIG ONE.
IF I FILL UP THE WHOLE CHART, I GET TO GO CAMPING WITH BAPO!
BAPO IS ROSIE'S GRANDPA, PASTOR RICK.
BUT TODAY ROSIE GRABBED BO'S TOY TRUCK AND MADE HIM CRY.
NO STICKER.


BAPO, DOES GOD HAVE A CHART LIKE MINE? DOES HE STOP LOVING ME WHEN I MESS UP?
BAPO THOUGHT FOR A MINUTE.
DOES HE?
NOPE. GOD DOESN'T KEEP A CHART ON YOU. NOT EVER.
BECAUSE OF JESUS. IT'S A GREAT STORY. I'LL TELL YOU THE WHOLE THING AFTER CHURCH ON SUNDAY.

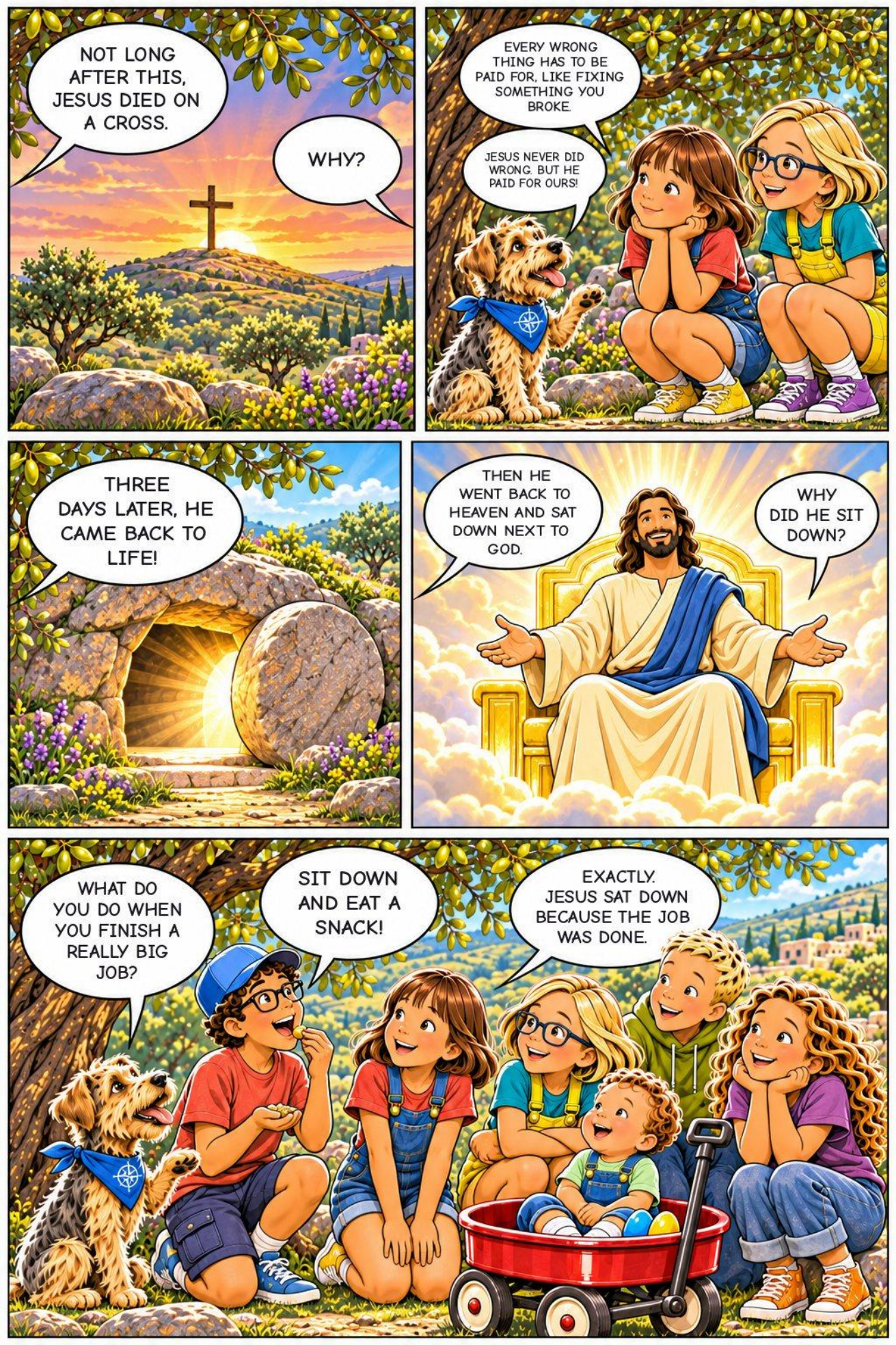

ON SUNDAY, ROSIE TOLD THE BIG KIDS.
BAPO SAYS GOD DOESN'T KEEP A CHART ON ME, BECAUSE OF JESUS!
NO CHART? DOES THAT WORK FOR MY CHORE CHART AT HOME TOO?
NICE TRY, ELI.
WHY WAIT? LET ME SHOW YOU RIGHT NOW! GRAB BO'S WAGON!

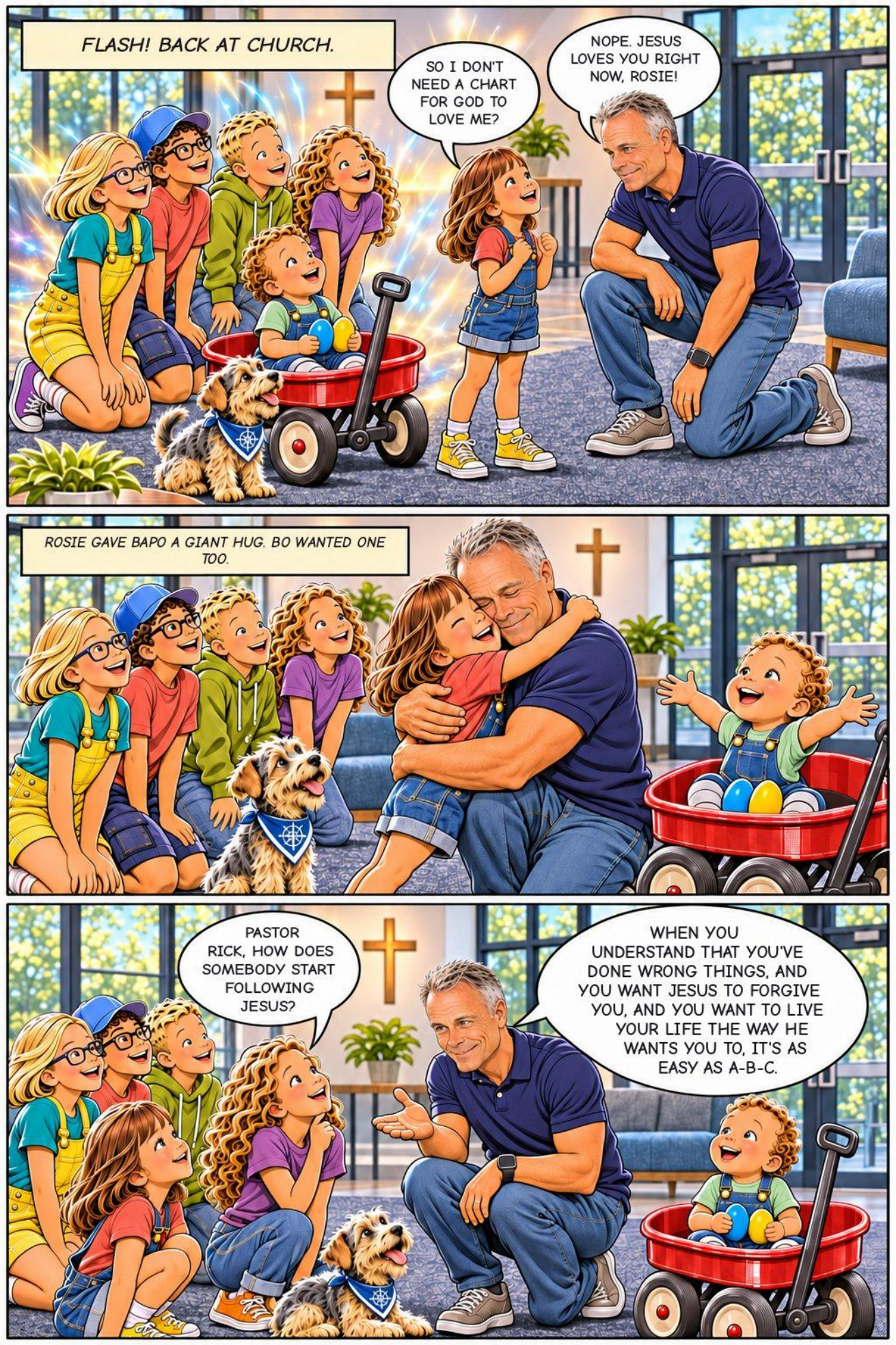

WHOOSH! BACK IN TIME, ABOUT 2,000 YEARS AGO, TO A CROWDED ROAD.
MOMS AND DADS WERE BRINGING THEIR LITTLE ONES TO JESUS. EVEN BABIES!
LOOK, BO. BABIES JUST LIKE YOU!
BA!

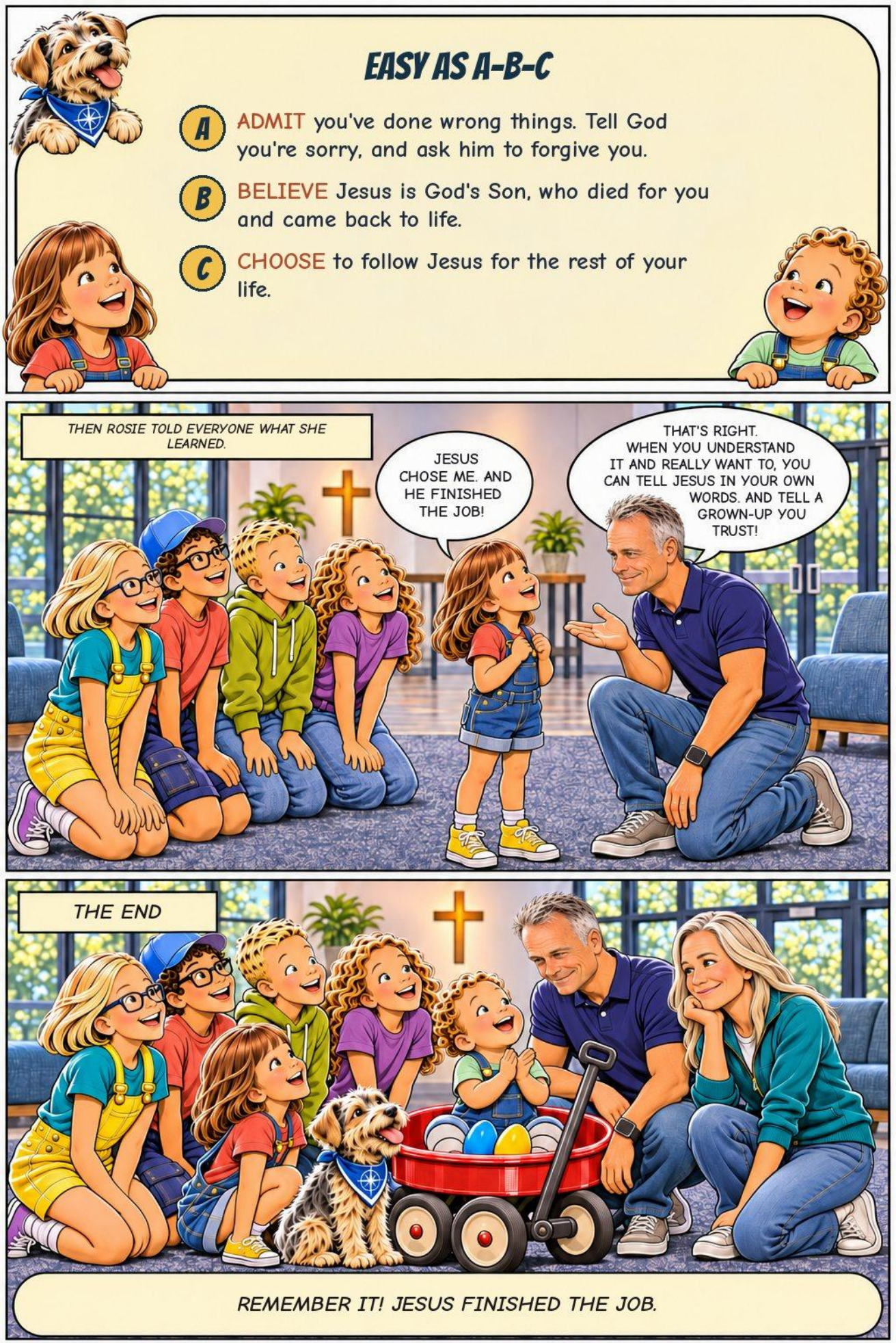

BUT JESUS' DISCIPLES TRIED TO SEND THEM AWAY.
GO AWAY! JESUS IS TOO BUSY FOR LITTLE KIDS!
HEY! THAT'S NOT NICE!
BACK THEN, A LOT OF PEOPLE THOUGHT LITTLE KIDS DIDN'T MATTER MUCH. WATCH WHAT JESUS DOES.


JESUS WAS UPSET WITH HIS DISCIPLES.
LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME. DON'T KEEP THEM AWAY.
HE HUGGED THEM AND PRAYED THAT GOD WOULD TAKE CARE OF THEM.


THEN, FOR JUST A SECOND, JESUS LOOKED UP. RIGHT AT BO. AND HE SMILED.
WAIT. DID HE JUST... SEE US?
BA!
BABIES CAN'T MAKE THEIR BED OR FEED THE DOG. THEY CAN'T EARN ANY STICKERS. AND JESUS LOVES THEM ANYWAY!


NOT LONG AFTER THIS, JESUS DIED ON A CROSS.
WHY?
EVERY WRONG THING HAS TO BE PAID FOR, LIKE FIXING SOMETHING YOU BROKE.
JESUS NEVER DID WRONG. BUT HE PAID FOR OURS!
THREE DAYS LATER, HE CAME BACK TO LIFE!
THEN HE WENT BACK TO HEAVEN AND SAT DOWN NEXT TO GOD.
WHY DID HE SIT DOWN?
WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU FINISH A REALLY BIG JOB?
SIT DOWN AND EAT A SNACK!
EXACTLY. JESUS SAT DOWN BECAUSE THE JOB WAS DONE.


FLASH! BACK AT CHURCH.
SO I DON'T NEED A CHART FOR GOD TO LOVE ME?
NOPE. JESUS LOVES YOU RIGHT NOW, ROSIE!
ROSIE GAVE BAPO A GIANT HUG. BO WANTED ONE TOO.
PASTOR RICK, HOW DOES SOMEBODY START FOLLOWING JESUS?
WHEN YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'VE DONE WRONG THINGS, AND YOU WANT JESUS TO FORGIVE YOU, AND YOU WANT TO LIVE YOUR LIFE THE WAY HE WANTS YOU TO, IT'S AS EASY AS A-B-C.


EASY AS A-B-C
A ADMIT you've done wrong things. Tell God you're sorry, and ask him to forgive you.
B BELIEVE Jesus is God's Son, who died for you and came back to life.
C CHOOSE to follow Jesus for the rest of your life.
THEN ROSIE TOLD EVERYONE WHAT SHE LEARNED.
JESUS CHOSE ME. AND HE FINISHED THE JOB!
THAT'S RIGHT. WHEN YOU UNDERSTAND IT AND REALLY WANT TO, YOU CAN TELL JESUS IN YOUR OWN WORDS. AND TELL A GROWN-UP YOU TRUST!
THE END
REMEMBER IT! JESUS FINISHED THE JOB.

WHO IS JESUS? YOU FINISHED ALL 4 ISSUES!

THE WHOLE ANSWER!

- Jesus is God's Son.
- He teaches us what God is like.
- He made everything, so he's in charge. And he stands up for what's right.
- He is God. And he chose me, just the way I am.
- He finished the job. He paid for our wrong things, came back to life, and sat down in heaven. NEW!

MEMORY VERSE

"He (Jesus) provided the way for people to be made pure from sin. Then he sat down at the right hand of the King, the Majesty in heaven."

Hebrews 1:3 (NIrV)

That means Jesus paid for all our wrong things, so God can wash them away. Then he sat down next to God, because the job was done.

TALK ABOUT IT WITH A GROWN-UP

1. Do you have to earn God's love? How do you know?
2. Why did Jesus sit down when the job was done?
3. Do you have questions about A-B-C? Who's a grown-up you could ask?



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THE END OF ISSUE 4

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Chosen

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